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HONDURAS NOW HAS REVOLUTION

FORMER PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC LEADS REBELS

Three Thousand Men Reported
to Be Marching Toward
the Capital

(Times Leased Wire.)

Puerto Cortes, Honduras, Dec. 29.—The first skirmish between the revolutionary forces under former President Bonilla and the federal troops took place to-day near Cape Gracias-a-Dios. The revolutionists were victorious, the government forces falling back in disorder, and the rebels, headed by Bonilla and the American adventurer, Lee Christmas, started on their long march across the country against Tegucigalpa, the capital.

Bonilla and Christmas arrived to-day on the gunboat Hornet. Their arrival was the signal for the real beginning of hostilities that have been carefully planned for weeks. The men who had been gathered and drilled in Nicaragua, just across the border from Honduras, at once crossed the Segovia river and prepared for the advance on the federal capital. With Christmas and Bonilla a number of recruits arrived and the force that finally fell in for the long march numbered about 3,000 men.

Just across the river a small force of federalists were gathered. They endeavored to stop the march, but after a short skirmish in which a number of the federal soldiers are reported to have been wounded, the federalists fell back and the advance of the rebels began.

Christmas and Bonilla have planned a campaign of attack on Tegucigalpa. They will march as straight across from the Atlantic to the capital as they can. Plans for furnishing their soldiers with stores have been made and the whole campaign has been carefully mapped out. If it can be avoided no battle will be fought until Tegucigalpa is reached. Then the revolutionists expect to storm the city.

It is predicted here that little real resistance will be met by the revolutionists and in this section of the country there is strong revolutionary sympathy. This, it is believed, is largely due to the success of the Nicaraguan revolution headed by Estrada. Estrada and Bonilla are friendly, although it is understood that Estrada will observe strict neutrality.

It is believed here that the sympathies of the United States government are really with Bonilla, as President Davila, the present executive, is believed to be a close friend of Zelazky, the deposed president of Nicaragua.

Federal Troops Routed.
New York, Dec. 29.—Confirmation of the reports of a battle between revolutionists and government troops in Honduras just across the Segovia river from Nicaragua and near Cape De Gracias-a-Dios, has been received in private cable dispatches here. The federal forces are reported to have been routed.

President Davila, it is reported, has transferred \$55,000 in silver from Puerto Cortes to Criba, an Atlantic seaport further down the coast.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY.
London, Dec. 29.—A plot to assassinate King George has been unearthed in connection with the discovery of a bomb factory in the east end of London, according to secret operatives and officials of Scotland Yard.

INCREASED WAGES FOR TRAINMEN

Employees of Western Railway
Will Probably Receive Advance 12½ Per Cent

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Although much care is being exercised in guarding the communications between the union trainmen and the officials of the sixty-one western railroads, it is generally rumored here to-day that the trainmen's demands for a 15 per cent wage increase will be settled on a basis of about 10½ per cent.

Rapid progress toward a final settlement is being made. It is understood that the managers have already offered an increase of something over 8 per cent.

The secrecy which features the proceedings was brought about by a desire of both managers and trainmen to prevent strike talk such as marked the negotiations with the engineers last week and which caused undue excitement.

Both sides are anxious to have the wage scale adjusted before the New Year. It is believed that the new scale will be signed not later than Saturday.

COME TO COAST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Two hundred and fifty immigrants arrived Tuesday, many going through to the coast.

TWO KILLED IN FIGHT.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 29.—Craddock Willoughby and Clarence Young are dead and six persons are wounded as the result of a feud that has found deadly expression during the Christmas holidays. Another Willoughby is reported to be dead on the mountain side several miles from here. Few details of the fighting have been received here.

FLOUR EXPORTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—U. Suzuki, representing the firm of Suzuki & Co., Kobe, Japan, one of the largest importing and exporting firms in that country, is in Winnipeg to interview the big flour milling companies with regard to exporting large quantities of flour. He will compare prices and terms here with those of the United States and Australia before placing orders.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY EARTHQUAKE

HUNDREDS OF BUILDINGS WRECKED IN GREECE

Communication With Number
of Cities Cut Off—Troops
for Stricken Province

(Times Leased Wire.)

Athens, Greece, Dec. 29.—A heavy earthquake, causing immense damage and probably many fatalities, is reported in progress in the province of Elis. Hundreds of buildings have been wrecked and general havoc wrought, according to meagre telegraphic advices.

Troops have been ordered to the province to maintain order. The inhabitants of the province are said to be in a state of terror.

Communication with Elis, Pyrgos and Patros, the principal cities in the province of Elis, is reported cut off. The entire region south of the lower Pinus mountains is said to have felt the shocks, which began early to-day and continued at irregular intervals with gradually increasing force.

The centre of the disturbances was at Pyrgos, near the southern boundary of the province. It is not known whether or not the earthquake was felt in Messina, which lies directly south of Elis.

PROPOSED MEASURE TO PUNISH SPIES

United States Congress Will Be
Asked to Enact Legislation
at Early Date

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Congress will be asked at an early date to enact legislation to punish foreign spies as a result of the present agitation at Manila against the Japanese. A law for the same purpose will be asked of the Filipino assembly.

Reports of wholesale spying by Japanese, both in the island possessions and on the Pacific coast, have been going on for months.

Japanese Deported.
Manila, Dec. 29.—Although the officials are still silent about the discoveries made when raids on the Japanese quarter in search of hidden explosives were ordered, activity against the Japanese in Manila indicates that stratagems are being used.

One Japanese, reported to have been the inventor of a mysterious wireless outfit, has been deported, and another, said to have been found by officers during their raid, is to be tried for the illegal storing of explosives.

That a plan, presumably to place mines in Manila harbor, was discovered, is still rumored here, and the movements of the military and civil authorities to-day are believed to be proof of this fact.

The Japanese who was deported and whose name has been withheld, was, according to well-defined reports, found operating a secret wireless station near Olongapo naval station. The wireless station, it is alleged, was discovered when a passing vessel picked up a cipher message sent from this station. An investigation followed. The station, it was reported, was equipped with the most up-to-date instruments. Heavy batteries were installed, indicating that the station was used to transmit long distance messages. The station was carefully concealed but it was so located that it looked down over the naval base.

It was at Olongapo that the drydock Dewey sank mysteriously. Whether there is any connection between the activities that resulted in the establishment of a wireless outfit overlooking the station and the sinking of the drydock is a question that the authorities here are evidently trying to solve. Nothing has been given out regarding the arrest of the Japanese charged with having illegally stored explosives. That explosives were found, despite the denial of the military authorities, is the general impression here, and is strengthened by the fact that an arrest in connection with the explosives has been made.

FIFTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

OVER DOZEN OTHERS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Ice Plant Almost Completely
Destroyed—Bodies of Victims
Hurled Through Air

(Times Leased Wire.)

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29.—Fifteen men are dead and more than a dozen others injured as the result of an explosion at the Morewood Lake ice plant to-day. Ambulances and physicians were sent from Pittsfield.

Four of the dead have been identified. They are: William Dunn, Edgar Allen, John Raymond and Martin Smith.

More than 30 men are known to have been in the plant at the time of the explosion. The plant was almost completely destroyed.

Most of the dead are unidentified Poles, Swedes and Italians.

Engineer William Dunn was hurled 200 feet. Martin Smith was thrown more than 100 feet. His legs were broken and his head crushed. Parts of the boiler were blown to the tops of trees 150 feet away.

Eleven of the injured have been brought to the hospital here. One man died this afternoon, making the total number of dead 15.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

Farnet Confesses He Sold His Vote
Three Times.

West Union, O., Dec. 29.—One hundred and six new indictments in connection with the Adams county frauds were returned to-day, bringing the total since the investigation began up to 985. So many voters have confessed that the time of the grand jury will be taken up until Saturday. It is said when the inquiry will be completed.

A widow, whose name is withheld, has been indicted for selling the vote of her son. The son is also under indictment, according to a report emanating from the grand jury room.

One farmer is said to have confessed that he sold his vote three times last election. He received \$12.50 to vote the Republican ticket, he said. Then he accepted \$10 to become a Democrat and finally pledged his vote to a particular independent candidate for the sum of \$3.

DEBENTURE BYLAWS.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 29.—The city council has passed debenture laws to-talling half a million dollars to be voted upon on January 29. They include another bridge over the Saskatchewan, a stock pavilion at the exhibition grounds, the purchase of industrial sites, and the Jasper avenue subway.

JAPANESE HOLD GIRL IN SLAVERY

Rescued by Police After Being
Locked in Boarding House
for Forty-Six Days

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—May Harris, 18 years old, the daughter of Mrs. G. W. Foster, an early settler in the Puget Sound country, was to-day taken to the state insane asylum in St. Helens, a mental-reserve physical week. The girl has been rescued from imprisonment in a dark room in a Japanese lodging house by the police after she had been held in unspeakable bondage for 46 days.

The girl is a native of this state, and was reared in a Seattle convent school. Less than two years ago she was married to James R. Harris, an industrious man some years her senior. A child was born to the couple and they seemed happy. The girl's mother stated to-day.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Harris visited her mother and later boarded a car to return to her own home. Her father volunteered to wheel the baby home in a go-cart.

The girl wife disappeared that night and was never heard of again until she telephoned to police headquarters begging to be rescued on Christmas day. Two officers hurried to the Japanese lodging house, and after searching the place three times, finally found the girl in a dark room.

She was in a terrible condition, and said that she had been locked in the room 46 days. The girl said that the Japanese men had forced drugs down her throat to still her cries, and had given her large quantities of some native liquor that kept her in a semi-conscious condition.

Judge Wilson R. Gay had the case called to his attention yesterday and a jury commission decided that the girl had better be sent to the insane hospital to recover from the awful effects of the drug.

The police are investigating the case.

HEAVY SNOWFALL.

Brandon, Dec. 28.—Snowfalls have been heavier this week than in any week for many years and continue this morning. It is a long time since there has been snow on the level as at present. This is generally taken to mean that the country is practically assured of sufficient moisture to make the season a good one.

RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The following mayors were re-elected by acclamation: Meaford, Dr. Clarke; Powassan, Jos. McArthur, sixth year; St. Thomas, Dr. Guest; Galt, McEllan; Uxbridge, Deal; Goderich, M. G. Cameron; Windsor, J. W. Hanna. The following were elected for the first time: St. Mary's, Sanderson; Forest, Rumford; Oakville, Geo. Hulmer; Newmarket, Pearson.

ATTEMPTS LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT

BELGIAN AVIATOR STARTS FROM PARIS

Accompanied by Passenger
Will Try to Fly to Brussels
and Back

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 29.—Postponing their flight only one day on account of the death yesterday of Alexander Laffon and Marquis De Paula, Lansier, Belgian aviator, with Panier for a passenger, rose from the parade grounds at Issy to-day to try, for the \$20,000 prize for a flight from Paris to Brussels and return.

The Belgian aviator intended to make the attempt yesterday. He had taken his machine out of the hangar and was tuning up the motor, when Laffon's Antoine monoplane, in which Laffon, with the Marquis De Paula as a passenger, had planned to attempt the Paris to Brussels flight, came crashing to earth, killing both occupants.

Lansier after the accident decided to postpone his own flight until to-day. His courage, however, was unshaken, and he announced that the flight would be attempted to-day.

His machine was taken out early to-day and overhauled with unusual care. In consideration of the heavy load of men and fuel it was expected to carry during the long flight. The weather was favorable, and the pilot and his passenger rose easily from the ground, and after circling about the field in order to test the machine, headed towards the Belgian capital.

Delayed by Fog.
Paris, Dec. 29.—(Later.)—Lansier and Panier were forced to descend at the Belgian border owing to a heavy fog. They plan to reascend to-morrow to continue the flight.

Farman Failed to Descend.
Etampes, France, Dec. 29.—One hundred and ninety-five pounds of ice was accumulated by the planes of Henri Farman's biplane during a two and a half hours flight here to-day. When the machine became so heavy that Farman was unable to fly further, he alighted. The ice put an end to Farman's attempt to win the Michelin prize for distance and duration. Huge icicles covered both aviator and machine when he came to earth. As a matter of curiosity the aeroplanes was run on to scales and weighed. The ice formed when the machine ran into a light rain in a high altitude.

ANTI-RACE TRACK GAMBLING CRUSADE

Dr. Shearer, Secretary of Reform Board of Presbyterian Church, Heads Movement

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Rev. Dr. Shearer, secretary of the reform board of the Presbyterian church in Canada, and known to the west and Winnipeg particularly, is again on the war path. This time he is taking steps regarding race track gambling. One resolution he is having supported is that "the action of the parliament of last session is greatly regretted in legalizing professional gambling on the race courses that this is necessary in the interests of horse breeding and 'earnestly hopes that in the not distant future the business of gambling and betting on the race tracks will be made criminal, as it is everywhere else."

DEPUTY SHERIFF ACQUITTED.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Charles Long, deputy sheriff of San Mateo county, who shot and instantly killed William Gallagher, a saloonkeeper, in a quarrel over the Hogan-Frayne prize fight, was acquitted to-day on the ground of self-defence. Long was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

FAREWELL VISIT.

Gravesend, England, Dec. 29.—Rear-Admiral Thomas B. Howard, commander of the fourth division of the United States Atlantic fleet, and the other officers of the warships, were entertained yesterday at the residence of the mayor on the occasion of their farewell visit.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Nanaimo, Dec. 29.—A fatal accident occurred in the Extension mines yesterday afternoon, a miner named Thomas Brown being killed by a falling rock. Deceased was aged about 35 years.

WILL PETITION ALEX. STEWART

SUPPORTERS START MOVEMENT TO-DAY

J. A. Turner Denies He Has
Intention of Retiring—Aldermanic
Candidates

Those in the city favorable to the candidature of Alex. Stewart for mayorality at the approaching municipal election this morning made arrangements for the preparation of a monster petition, praying that gentlemen to consent to enter the contest in any event. It has been arranged that a half-dozen or more of these petitions shall be circulated simultaneously, and it is believed that the aggregate number of names thus obtained will comprise the most representative collection of citizens who have ever joined hands to urge any candidate to stand for public office in Victoria.

J. A. Turner has announced, in reply to the many rumors that have been afloat to the effect that there is a possibility of his retiring from the field, that he is in the field to stay, no matter what situation may develop. Interest in the approaching contest for the chief magistracy hinges, in consequence, more upon the possibility of the fight being a three-cornered one than in the ultimate outcome.

There have been but few announcements of candidates for the aldermanic elections. A majority of the members of the board, as it is at present constituted, will stand for re-election. Ald. Raymond, owing to indifferent health, has stated that he will not seek re-election for ward 1. In ward 1 B. J. Perry will likely be among the new blood offering for election, and in ward 2 A. J. Dilworth, who has had municipal experience in the prairie provinces, will seek a position at the council board.

SAN FRANCISCO FAIR.

Bay City Determined to Hold Exposition to Celebrate Opening of Panama Canal.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Whether or not Congress sanctions San Francisco as the official city in 1915, a world's fair, equal or greater than any other Panama exposition, will be held there, according to Senator Flint, who is spending his holidays here working in conjunction with the San Francisco committee.

"While we would like congressional sanction of our fair," said Flint to-day, "with \$17,000,000 at our disposal we will have an exposition that will draw from any other fair when the Panama canal is opened. I am not worrying about what Congress does."

"All this talk of a logical point being chosen as the official site is fruitless. The fact remains that with railroad fares properly reduced where hundreds would brave the summer heat of New Orleans, thousands would go to San Francisco."

TWO MEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Three Others Sustain Injuries
When Work Train Collides
With Freight

(Times Leased Wire.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—Two men were killed and three seriously injured to-day as a result of a wreck on the Milwaukee railroad at Rye, a small station west of the Columbia river. The names of the dead are unknown. One of them was an electric crane man and the other was a coal heaver.

The injured trainmen are Conductor Marre, Fireman Vorhees and Brake man M. R. Fawcett. The latter is the most seriously injured.

The wreck occurred at 6 o'clock. The track at that place has a steep grade and a contractors' train got beyond control and raced down the track at a terrific pace until it crashed into the time freight. The wreckage is piled high and the wreck train has gone to the scene.

OPPOSE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Hundreds of Seattle voters are signing the petitions being circulated by Mrs. Katherine D. Stirtan aiming to the passage of a law abolishing capital punishment in this state. Representative Frank P. Goss will present a bill to repeal the capital punishment law in the 7th legislature.

LOS ANGELES AVIATION MEET.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Novel thrills for the residents of the southern California citrus belt who journeyed to the Dominguez aviation field, to-day, were promised by the programme committee.

Passenger-carrying for height and distance were announced as events of the early afternoon. Hoxsey, Brookins, Parmelee and Latham were entered. Brookins is the holder of the altitude record for the meet in this department, having taken Roy Knabenshue with him 1500 feet into the air.

READY TO STRIKE.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Leaders of the railway employees declare their unions include 145,000 members and that they are now ready to inaugurate a strike for an increase of wages.

They add that "sabotage" will be applied in such a manner as to ensure the complete success of the movement. The government officials declare that they are ready to adapt extreme measures, including the militarization of the railway men.

BODY WASHED ASHORE.

Believed to Be That of Cecil Grace, the English Aviator.

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 29.—The Deal Express is responsible for a report that the body of a man dressed in English clothes, believed to be that of Cecil Grace, the aviator who was lost while attempting to make a return flight from France, has been washed up at Adhkerke, near the Franco-Belgian frontier.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

(Special to the Times.)
Melbourne, Dec. 29.—The registration of youths between fourteen and seventeen for military service is in active progress. Judging by the free response to the call of duty the service will be popular.

BIG TIMBER DEAL COMPLETED

LOGGING CAMPS AND LIMITS ARE SOLD

Over Million Dollars Involved
in Transaction Closed
at Vancouver

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—One of the largest and most important timber and lumber deals in the history of this city was consummated yesterday when Alvo von Alvensleben, Limited, paid over \$1,000,000 to H. L. Jenkins, president of the H. L. Jenkins Lumber company of Seattle, for the entire business of the Vancouver Timber and Trading company, Ltd., including six large logging camps and over 20,000 acres of timber land, together with about twenty million feet of logs now floating in Burrard Inlet.

The Vancouver Timber and Trading company, under the control of Mr. Jenkins, has been acknowledged as the most powerful timber concern in the province of British Columbia. Mr. Alvensleben as the new controlling spirit of this company, at once becomes the most influential timber and lumber man on the Pacific coast.

BOMB EXPLODED IN NEW YORK TENEMENT

Fourth Outrage Since Supposed
Black Hand Leaders
Were Sent to Prison

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The sentences given Maria Rapp and Stanislo Potenzi, black-handers, convicted of holding two eight-year-old children for ransom, has not deterred the black-mailing organization of the lower East Side. The fourth bomb outrage since Judge Fawcett sentenced the supposed ring leaders of the society, occurred to-day. Police say the explosions are the work of black-handers.

A bomb was exploded to-day in a double-deck tenement house in the Italian quarter, where 30 persons were sleeping. It wrecked the stores on the first floor and demolished the stairway, but no one in the building was injured.

Geordino Sagano, a grocer, whose store was in the building, received recently a black hand letter demanding \$2,000. He refused to pay the money and the explosion is supposed to have been the vengeance of the society.

The three other explosions have followed refusals to pay extortion money, the police say.

Judge Fawcett, who sentenced the Rapp woman and Potenzi to 25 years' imprisonment for the kidnapping of which they were convicted, was himself threatened with death. He denounced the prisoners, declaring that the Rapp woman had less mother instinct than a beast, and that Potenzi was the sort of a criminal who should have been deported. He deplored the fact that he could not fix the penalty of their crime at death. Potenzi was known as "King of the Black Handers."

PROGRESS OF WORK ON TRANSCONTINENTAL

Over Two Hundred Miles of
Rails Laid in Province
of Quebec

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Of the 400 miles of the transcontinental railway in Quebec now under construction 227 miles of steel have been laid and construction trains running. On the 150-mile section from Quebec city, 53 miles have been completed, 50 miles on the Weymouth-asheno section, which is 197 miles long, 47 miles on the section immediately west of the city of Quebec, and 30 miles of Macdonald and O'Brien's 107 miles contract. Messrs. M. P. and J. T. Davis also have 50 miles ready on their Quebec contract completed.

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CITY MAY GET NEW VAUDEVILLE HOUSE

John W. Considine to Come Here Shortly to Talk Over Plans

It is not at all an impossibility that Victoria will have a new vaudeville house planned during next year, and Manager Trumbull, of the Grand, announces that he expects John W. Considine, the millionaire vaudeville manager, to visit Victoria shortly to look things over in a general way.

Mr. Considine has recently completed the first two vaudeville houses of his new plans for the west coast and the northwest, having constructed in Salt Lake a vaudeville theatre which cost the firm of Sullivan and Considine \$250,000, and the Empress theatre (a title taken from Victoria) at San Francisco at a cost of \$300,000.

The test bill sent here this week by the firm was decided on by Mr. Considine personally to test the strength of Victoria's love for good vaudeville shows. As Mr. Trumbull announces that he has broken the record for the house with his Christmas week bill, now to be played by the Considine company, it is probable that the Grand is to be better than ever during the approaching year, and that while the new house is being planned many improvements and advantages in vaudeville will be given to the Government street amusement palace.

PERSONAL

Jos. W. Vipond, Nanaimo, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

J. E. Hinton, Los Angeles, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. J. Devitt and daughter, Crofton, are spending a few days in Victoria.

T. P. Solloway left last night on a month's pleasure trip through California.

E. F. Miller and Thos. A. Wood, Duncan, are guests at the King Edward hotel.

Geo. M. Christie and Grant Henderson, Calgary, are stopping at the Empress house.

W. H. Burnham, an Francisco, one of the promoters of the 1915 exposition, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

The many friends of H. J. Stevenson will be sorry to hear that he is confined to St. Joseph's hospital with a severe attack of blood poisoning.

Joseph Harwood and John T. Kirkham left today by the Northern Pacific for New York, where they will take the White Star liner Oceanic for Liverpool.

George Henderson, New York, son of Wm. Henderson, resident architect of the Dominion public works department in this city, died last night. The remains will be sent to Toronto for burial, and Mr. Henderson leaves tonight to attend the funeral. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Sam. Mikkelsen, resides in Seattle, and a brother, Stuart Henderson, ex-M. P., is in Victoria, while another brother, Dr. Gordon Henderson, resides at Ottawa.

CHINESE INVESTIGATION.

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Further light was thrown this morning at the Chinese immigration investigation into the telegram sent to the department at Ottawa signed with the name of Mr. H. J. Senkler, the chairman of the Liberal Association, protesting against the suspension of Collector Bowell and requesting the reinstatement of Yip On, the Chinese interpreter. Yesterday Mr. Senkler disclaimed any knowledge of this telegram until after it was sent, declared it was not authorized by the patronage committee, and he had sought in vain to find the author of it. This morning Mr. A. M. Pound, secretary of the committee, conveyed the information that the telegram was not authorized at a meeting of the patronage committee. He was not able to name the actual individual who sent it, and he agreed that in the light of later events it was an unwise telegram to send. The senders of the telegram had acted on the information of customs officials that Yip On was a faithful servant and the charges against him were unproven.

PASSING SHOW

"Time, Place and Girl." Lured by a catchy title, "The Time, Place and the Girl," a large audience visited the Victoria theatre last night to see the one-scene musical comedy. A musical comedy is like hash, it contains all kinds of unexpected things, but there is good and bad hash. Last night's hash was indigestible. Aside from George Ebner, whose Happy Johnny Hicks was bright and laughable, there was nothing brilliant, and on the woman's side of the event there were but two stars. Both were in the chorus, one in the front row left, and the other with an untrained soprano voice which drowned the remainder of the singers.

As a dancer Jeannette Paterson was amateurish, but Amanda Hendricks, aside from her American idea of grammar, was up to the musical comedy level. Verne Taylor sang well in the first act but did not have many other opportunities. There were a couple of comedians besides "Johnny Hicks," but Johnny was as the solid trunk of the tree throughout the show. The bulk of the company have a lot to learn in the matter of distinct enunciation.

The play was well-costumed and some of the stage pictures were very attractive.

LOCAL NEWS

Prior to the meeting of the city streets committee to-morrow evening, a special meeting of the city council will be held to clear up some matters which require to be dealt with before the close of the year.

After a smart passage from San Pedro the steamship M. S. Dollar, of the Dollar line, arrived at the Victoria Chemical Company's wharf yesterday to discharge 600 tons of sulphur, brought from the north of Japan.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in St. Paul's rectory, Esquimalt. All members are requested to attend, as business of importance is to be transacted.

The Times staff acknowledges the courteous holiday remembrance of them by one of their own craft, Ernest McGaffey, the indefatigable secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, who sent round a box of Perfection for the boys to smoke.

Travel on the steamers to and from Victoria, Seattle and San Francisco continues to be heavy. Crowds of people are coming in daily from the prairies to spend the winter here. The Dominion hotel turned away over fifty people yesterday and the King Edward had to refuse rooms to almost as many.

The members of the British Campaigners' Association will be "At Home" on Monday, January 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street. A hearty invitation is issued to all friends and well-wishers of the association. Tea and other refreshments will be provided.

Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, yesterday received a visit from two South Africans who have come all the way to Victoria as a result of the advertisements issued by the league. The visitors are inquiring for farm land suitable for mining and farming and poultry. The men have been farming for years in South Africa and will visit the agricultural districts on the island on the advice of Mr. McGaffey. They are seeking about two hundred acres of land.

John Storages, the man sentenced to six months' imprisonment for passing worthless bills in Chinatown, was arraigned on two similar charges in the police court this morning. On the first he received three months, to run after the expiration of his present sentence. A further sentence of three months was given to him on the second charge. James Thompson, a vagrant, went to jail for two months. A. O. Mortimer and G. Kennedy, colored men, were discharged on complaints of stealing, having been found not guilty.

John A. Turner, who is a candidate for mayoralty honors, states that he continues to receive very encouraging reports from his several committees, who are doing their utmost to elect him to the chief magistracy's chair in the January elections. During the last few days he has been busy waiting upon by large numbers of his supporters representing electors of every class who urged upon him the necessity for him to fight to a finish. Mr. Turner has received great encouragement from every part of the city and has every hope of being elected.

Charles Todd, a boiler-maker employed at the Victoria Machinery Depot, narrowly escaped drowning last night. He was working on the Petriana and in stepping from the boat to the wharf he misjudged the distance and fell into the water, striking his head on the timbers in his descent. Aid was promptly given by his fellow-workmen but it was some time before Todd could be hauled up on account of the narrow space between the boat and the wharf. The ambulance was summoned and Todd, half-dead from the immersion, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital and later home.

A fire occurred last night about 7 o'clock in the premises of Robert E. Knowles, of the Carnesway dairy, 609 Moss street, but the damage was small and the fire was out by the time the brigade arrived after a quick run. Mr. Knowles, in turning in the alarm left a message on the log which read: "Go to 609 Moss street to the Carnesway dairy. On fire (please)." Fire Chief Davis says that, in all his experience, he has never met a similar case where the address has been left on the box. Had the note not been found it is probable that the fire would not have been located, as there was no sign of a blaze from the box where the alarm was turned in.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

The twenty-first anniversary of the Conqueror Juvenile Temple, No. 7, of the International Order of Good Templars was celebrated last evening at the Soldiers' and Sailors' home, by a public entertainment. W. H. Booth, grand superintendent of juvenile work for B. C., occupied the chair, whilst stirring addresses were delivered by the bishop of Columbia, Rev. C. M. Tate, grand chief templar, and Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, who, as grand superintendent, instituted the Conqueror temple on December 26, 1889. Songs, recitations, etc., were rendered by the children, one action song, "The Burlesque Band," in which all the children took part, being entered and repeated. A O. O. O. of the programme Rev. J. P. Hicks, past grand chief templar, in a few well-chosen words proposed votes of thanks to the speakers, chairman and superintendent of the temple, which was accorded by acclamation. Refreshments were served to the children at the close

of the meeting. Contributions to the programme were: Miss Bromley-Jubb, Miss May Bowden, Miss E. Hodgson, Grace Rogers, Katie Parkinson, Hilda Parkinson, Maggie Rogers, George McNutt and Emily Bowden.

Too Late to Classify FOR THE MOST POPULAR FORM OF ADVERTISING IN TOWN TRY THIS COLUMN

WANTED—Interest in real estate business, long time resident of city, could put up some cash. Times Box 365.

CARELESSNESS—Has the Superintendent of Education forgotten that his signature is attached to a letter to Dr. Offenberg in which there is an absolute false statement about the Governor-General's bronze medals? J. N. Muir.

OLD HATS—Bring them to Victoria Hat Works, 844 View, Phone 2167.

SEE JONES for building houses, motor houses, shacks and all kinds of alterations. 105 Yates street. Phone 1425.

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WANTED—Youth, 15 years of age or over, to make himself generally useful about store. Apply in own handwriting to P. O. Box 78.

FOR SALE—100 acres land on Banks Island; the only fishing site for a cannery; on the inside of the island and in the centre of the best salmon and halibut fishing; beautiful harbor; constant supply of stream water with ample power. National Realty Co.

BOY WANTED to learn drug business. Apply F. W. Pawcett, King's road and Douglas street.

LOST—Between Cor. Simcoe and Government streets, silver chain bag and \$5 in bills. A liberal reward will be paid on return to the Skeene Lowe Studio, cor. Yates and Douglas streets.

LOST—Rough-haired fox terrier bitch, prick eared. Finder please communicate P. O. Box 1046.

ALPHA STREET—2 lots, 40x120, car 1 minute, \$550; cash \$150, 10 months. Laidlaw street, 1 lot, 20x135, car 1 minute, \$500; cash \$200, or terms. Owner, 108 Hillside avenue.

WANTED—At once, a housekeeper for two months for bachelor club. Apply P. O. Box 1317.

NICE, ten roomed, new, modern house, large basement, with furnace, stable and chicken house, also 7 large lots, close to two car lines, price \$5,000. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson street.

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VOTERS' LEAGUE—General meeting in Duck Hall, Broad street, Friday evening, Dec. 30th, at 8 o'clock. Ward committees are urged to report fully.

FOR SALE—New house, 5 rooms, stone foundation, with basement, on two lots; owner will sell cheap, owing to leaving town. Apply 139 St. Lawrence street, James Day.

LOST—Gold and pearl handled umbrella, left on cemetery car, initialed L. E. O. Owner values, as umbrella was gift. Finder return to 2533 Blanchard street.

A SMART FRENCH DRESSMAKER wishes to go out by the day. Apply Box 385, Times.

WANTED—Good second-hand office desk. Apply Box 37, Times.

YOUNG MAN (married), experienced grocer and bookkeeper, desires employment, any kind. Box 386, Times.

FOR SALE—Two lots, Carberry road, each 12x120, a splendid building site, price \$1,500, very easy terms; owner will exchange as part payment on a house and lot, close in, suitable for lodging house. Shaw Real Estate Company, Suite 302, Pemberton Block.

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HULTON STREET—Lots 50x125 ft., a block from car and near new bank street school, \$50; \$50 cash. Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates street.

HOUSE—Davis street, 6 rooms, modern, with stable, lot 60x120 ft., fruit trees and shrubbery, cheap. \$1,500; \$400 cash. Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates street.

ROOMING HOUSE, furnished, Oliphant avenue, 12 rooms, furnace and basement; a bargain. \$250, easy terms. Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates street.

MILTON STREET, Oak Bay, lot 50x120 ft., a nice one, \$500; 1-3 cash. Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates street.

WANTED—A six or seven roomed house or building lots in exchange for some cash and 100 acres Manitoba wheat land, 14 miles from town and station, in good settlement. Box 396, Times.

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REGULATION OF RAILWAY RATES

CONFERENCE HELD AT WASHINGTON

International Joint Commission Will Be Recommended to Governments

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—As a result of conferences between Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and Hon. J. P. Mabey, chairman of the railway commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the respective governments, the creation of an international railway commission which shall have supervisory authority over rates between the two countries.

Mr. Mabey, in accordance with a previous arrangement, arrived from Ottawa on Tuesday. He came to discuss the details of an agreement they had reached last August, and yesterday the two officials were in conference. Their report had not been completed, but soon will be, and it will be filed with the state department and with the foreign affairs office of Canada.

No details are available beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of an international commission upon which shall be conferred certain regulatory powers. Whether the commission is to be created by treaty or by joint legislation cannot now be answered. For some time it has been realized that the increasing railway traffic between the United States and Canada was likely to render future control over rates difficult, unless some international action were taken. The acquisition by American railroads of Canadian terminals and by Canadian railroads of American terminals and lines present increasing difficulties. Under existing circumstances it is not possible to compel either railways or express companies to establish joint through routes and rates to and from points in the two countries. In other words, neither an American nor a Canadian carrier may be required to furnish a through bill of lading from any point in one country to any other. The reasonableness of the international rates, which ordinarily are a combination of the rates local to each country, can be determined only by circuitous proceedings instituted before the commissions of both countries. No power at present exists that can require carriers engaged in international transportation to establish reasonable through joint rates and to apportion them among the participating carriers in the event that they cannot reach an agreement among themselves. Out of this situation grew the idea of the creation of an international commission which should have supervisory control over the railways and other common carriers doing an international transportation business.

NICARAGUA MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL

President is Warned Against Assisting the Honduran Revolutionists

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—President Juan J. Estrada, who became chief executive of Nicaragua after a long and bitterly fought revolution, has been warned in a note from the state department at Washington to observe strict neutrality in the coming revolution in Honduras. The note demands that steps be taken to prevent the organization in neutral territory of revolutionary expeditions into Honduras. Similar notes, it is said, have been sent to Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica.

Estrada has replied indicating that he intends to enforce the neutrality provisions of the Washington convention.

During the revolution here former President Bonilla of Honduras, who is now heading the revolutionary movement against Davilla, was friendly to Estrada. It has been rumored that Estrada would lend his aid to Bonilla in the revolution he has planned.

Reports of Fighting.
New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Reports received here late last night say that a revolution has broken out in Honduras and that fighting is going on along the Honduran-Nicaraguan border 20 miles below Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.

FAMILY PETS CARRY DISEASE.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Family pets, especially cats, spread tuberculosis, and for that reason are man's worst enemy, according to bacteriologists and instructors at medical schools interviewed here. Practically every expert who was interviewed endorsed the stand taken by Dr. W. L. Emerson, of Cleveland, who has adopted the slogan of "kill the cat and tuberculosis."

"Not the cat alone, but the dog as well, spread tuberculosis and diphtheria," declared Prof. Paul G. Heinselman, assistant in bacteriology at the University of Chicago. "I think that these pets spread diphtheria germs even more than tuberculosis, though, strange to say, they are both immune from the disease. It is especially dangerous for them to be around children."

Cats are, indeed, a menace to the household and the public should be so informed, declared a dean in the medical department of the university, who is also an assistant in pathology. "I should insist that the cat were even more dangerous as a diphtheria medium than a tuberculosis one. It is particularly dangerous to allow a child to play with a cat."

SEEKS TO REGAIN LAND IN OREGON

United States Government Desires to Secure Title to Grant Valued at \$4,000,000

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—The story of an alleged attempt to grab 96,676 acres of land in Southern Oregon, valued at \$4,000,000, by legal jugglery, is asserted in a complaint on file in the Federal court.

The defendant is the Southern Oregon Company, a successor to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company. The endeavor on the part of the government to regain title to the property is based on a provision in the original grant from the United States to the state of Oregon which stipulated that the sale of lands should be restricted to not over 100 acres to any one person. This provision, the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, as grantee of the state of Oregon, violated, the complaint alleges.

According to the document 96,676 acres of the original grant of 103,539 acres was sold to John Miller, who contracted to purchase the block, he acting as agent for Collier P. Huntington, Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford and Mark Hopkins, all of California. This sale was made in 1875. In 1883 the Oregon Southern Improvement Company entered into negotiations for the purchase of the lands sold to Miller, and later in the year the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company took a mortgage on the property. Later the lands passed into the hands of J. Roth and E. Marshall upon the alleged payment of \$125,000.

Then, according to the complaint, the land was conveyed to the Southern Oregon Company which was a reorganization of the Oregon Southern Improvement Company, the documents assert.

The government alleges that the "alleged indebtedness secured by the various mortgages were fictitious, feigned and untrue, and represented simply the interest of the stockholders of the company and were secured and delivered and foreclosed with the intent and in the hope that the restrictions upon the sale and disposition of the granted lands might be evaded and defeated, and that the lands might be created into an unconditioned estate for the use and benefit of the stockholders of the Oregon Southern Improvement Company."

CROSSED WIRES CAUSED FIRE

Investigation at Chicago Into Conflagration in Which Thirty Lives Were Lost

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Crossed electric wires probably were responsible for the fire that snuffed out the lives of 30 firemen in the stock yards last Thursday, according to testimony brought at the coroner's inquest yesterday.

Paul Lufka, a watchman employed by Nelson, Morris & Co., owners of the warehouse that was burned, testified that the flames first came from the second-story, where the electric wires entered the building. No other cause could be discovered.

More than a score of witnesses, including many comrades of the dead firemen, were summoned to testify, but the cause of a juror cut short the hearing. W. B. Ferrie, general superintendent of the warehouse, was the only other witness examined. His testimony confirmed the general construction of the warehouse and surrounding buildings.

The inquest was postponed until January 5.

LIVELY FIGHT PROBABLE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—That the "whitewashing" report on Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, filed by the committee on privileges and elections, is destined to travel a rough road through the Senate when it is considered by the members of the upper House is the belief of those who see in the actions of certain senators a promise of a big fight.

Many senators, among them Beveridge, of Indiana, are reported to be spending their holidays studying the testimony taken by the committee. Beveridge said that he had not as yet decided whether he would submit a minority report. Senator Fraxier, of Tennessee, is expected to take exception to the "whitewashing" process, and several other senators are believed to be unfavorable to it.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has been quoted as saying that a complete dissection of the majority report is certain to be made on the floor and there are prospects of a real fight.

ALLEGED PERJURY.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Alleging that Police Inspector Edward McCann's conviction in connection with alleged protection of vice was the result of deliberate perjury, Attorney James Hamilton Lewis filed yesterday a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the federal court.

Lewis charged that McCann was tried before a "pocketed" jury and that Lewis and Joseph Frank, the principal witnesses for the state, conspired to railroad him to the penitentiary. Lewis also argued in his petition that the indeterminate law, under which McCann was sentenced, is unconstitutional. The question was taken under advisement by Judge Carpenter, and meanwhile McCann is being held at the county jail.

PRESENTS CLAIM.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 19.—W. J. Taylor, K. C. of Victoria, has filed a claim for \$2,000 in connection with services rendered by him in assisting to draft the Prince Rupert incorporation bill and in seeing the measure through the provincial House. The account is now receiving special consideration by the finance committee of the Prince Rupert city council.

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ATLANTIC AIRSHIP TRIP.

Aeronaut Plans to Start Flight in March or April.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Joseph Brucker, who has announced his intention of attempting in March or April next, to cross the Atlantic from the Cape Verde Islands to the Barbados or Trinidad in the airship Suchard, will utilize a novel system to keep the gas cool and prevent loss from radiation. This will be accomplished by sprinklers constructed at the top of the envelope, which will spray water over the surface of the balloon. The water supply will be hand-drawn from the ocean in torpedo-shaped cylinders, offering a minimum of resistance to the waves, and after being taken on board will be pumped through a hose to the sprinklers. Brucker proposes to carry a crew of six in his craft, which will be equipped with two motors, each of 100 horse power. A non-sinkable lifeboat will be taken along. He hopes to arrive on the other side after four or five days and nights in the air.

DISMISSES POLICE FORCE.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 19.—Chief of Police George S. Dean and his entire force of 14, including patrolmen and detectives, were summarily dismissed last night by the city council and Mayor Benn, their removal to occur January 1. The action followed a report of the police commission, which investigated the alleged brutal treatment of Harry Carlgren, a logger, arrested recently. Mayor Benn has appointed P. R. Archer, formerly in the government Indian service, to succeed Chief Dean.

NAVAL SCHOOL OF AVIATION.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19.—San Diego will be the scene of the naval school of aviation to be established by Glenn H. Curtiss and Lieut. Allison, U. S. Navy, according to a statement made today by E. D. Moore, manager for Curtiss.

Moore is expected here to-morrow to look over the ground. A site on North Island, across the bay from this city, has been selected for the experiments, and permission to use this land already has been obtained.

FINGER PRINTS FAILED.
For the First Time This Means of Identification Fails.

London, Dec. 19.—Finger print identification failed for, it is said, the first time, when a man was charged with misdemeanor in the Highgate police court. The police submitted finger prints to show that the prisoner had been sentenced for another offence some time ago. It was, however, indisputably proved that the accused was then serving in the army and he was released.

HE PROMISED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—C. C. Sharp was arrested for speeding his automobile in Central avenue yesterday and taken before Judge Rose, where he pleaded guilty. Sentence was suspended when he informed the judge that he had been notified by telephone that his wife had just presented him with twins, and he

was naturally in a hurry to reach home. "Your case is unusual," remarked the court, after Sharp had been heard. "Sentence you to 25 days in jail, but in view of the exigencies of the situation I suspend sentence. Mr. Sharp, don't let it happen again." "But, Your Honor, do you mean—" protested Sharp. "I said," interpolated the judge, "don't let it happen again." "Never again," assented Sharp, as he left the court, while the bailiff pounded for order.

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benefit of readers of the Times, who
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ered as early in the evening as pos-
sible.

A STRATEGICAL POINT.

The decision of Evans, Coleman &
Evans to open a branch of their ship-
ping business in this port is one of
many indications of the future great-
ness of Victoria as a distributing
centre. The time is not so very dis-
tant when Victoria merchants were
seeking branches in the Terminal City
and the merchants there ridiculed the
idea that any other place could be of
sufficient importance to attract them.
Now all that is changed. Vancouver
firms are looking this way for busi-
ness and many of them are establish-
ing branches here. The city is looked
upon as a growing centre, especially
well suited for the distribution of mer-
chandise to British Columbia coast
points.

We have before drawn attention to
the peculiarly unique position which
this port occupies as a distributing
centre. Almost every line of impor-
tance that crosses the ocean north of
San Francisco, whether to Puget Sound
or British Columbia points, makes
this her first and last port of call.
There is never a week now without a
number of these liners tying up at the
outer dock and discharging or loading
cargo and embarking or debarking
passengers. When the new Japanese
line of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha was
started Victoria was ignored, it not be-
ing considered that there was sufficient
business here to make it worth while
to call. The boats had not been long
on the run before the officials of the
company saw that they were making
a mistake. Victoria was a strategical
point and could not be ignored. The
sailing schedule was revised, and to-
day that company is doing its share
of business with the rest and the offi-
cials do not regret their decision.

During the early days of settlement
on this island goods were all brought
here by water, and naturally Victoria
took the lead in business. With the
building of the C. P. R. there was a
revulsion in favor of railway traffic,
and the result was that Vancouver,
the terminus of the railway, came into
great favor, and Victoria was for many
years little thought of. To-day it is
realized that the bulk of the European
freight will always come here by water

and that this is the most convenient
point on the coast for trans-shipment.
The result is that, without taking any-
thing from the greatness of Vancou-
ver, Victoria must become the great
distributing point for Vancouver Is-
land and the coast mainland. This is
to-day being realized, and the result
is that such firms as Evans, Coleman
& Evans are coming here simply be-
cause it is good business to come. We
are glad to welcome them all, and we
are sure that there will be more come
before very long. With the develop-
ment of Vancouver Island must go
hand in hand the building up of the
city from which it draws its supplies.

THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE.

Dr. Starr Jordan speaks of the
power of money as "The Invisible Em-
pire." Its power is often recognized in
a local way, but it is usually as a
malevolent power that we view it. Sel-
dom do we think of it as one of the
greatest agencies in preserving the
peace of the world. Take as an in-
stance the relationship existing be-
tween Great Britain and the United
States. Immense sums of British
money are invested in the country to
the south of us. Not only are national
funds borrowed from Great Britain,
but nearly every railway or other
large undertaking is partly owned by
British capitalists. These capitalists
have a good deal to say about the
making of war. They have great in-
fluence in their country, and should
war threaten, the whole force of that
influence would be in the interests of
peace.

Again, the immense national debt of
a country is a great influence for
peace. Every man who owns or deals
in consols knows that a war scare al-
ways beats down the price of these se-
curities of the country so threatened.
The result is that any one who has any
interest in consols or stocks is opposed
to war from a purely financial reason.
It means a loss to him, and he is un-
willing to suffer this loss unless there
is some very good reason behind it.

The diversion of trade also leads
many to financial ruin in time of war.
All the interests of commerce are op-
posed to war, purely for the reason
that it means money out of pocket,
and this often touches them more
nearly than would the loss of part of
the fighting force. The invisible em-
pire of money power is one of the
greatest forces of the day, and it is
often wholly beneficent.

FIRST AID TO INJURED.

What would you do if you broke your
leg or your friend broke his leg when
wandering in the woods, or if you
were anywhere out of reach of imme-
diate help? The majority of people
could do nothing to alleviate the suf-
fering or to prevent the injury being
much increased through lack of prompt
aid. What would happen if you cut
yourself badly and there was no doc-
tor at hand to tie up the wound? The
chances are you would bleed to death.
Every boy or young man should be
ready to give this aid. Every one
should know enough of surgery to be
able to set a bone or to stop the
bleeding of a severed artery. It is a
part of education which it is most un-
wise to overlook. There are many
classes for first aid to the injured held
in the different cities of Canada from
time to time, but they are poorly at-
tended. People seem inclined to trust
to luck rather than take ordinary pre-
cautions. Many Canadians are a most
helpless people. They would drown if
they fell into the water, and they
would die if they met with a severe ac-
cident, all from lack of knowledge.

It is satisfactory to know that much
work is being done towards remedying
this defect through the agency of the
Boy Scout movement. Every lad who
becomes a scout must learn the simple
processes of staunching a wound or
setting a bone. The setting would be
but temporary, but it would be suf-
ficiently well done to prevent further
injury to the limb and untold suffer-
ing to the patient. It might be possible
to have this made a part of the phys-
ical training for boys in the public
schools. Parents, we think, would have
no objection to the boys spending half
an hour longer in order that they
might learn this useful acquisition.
There was a movement afoot not so
long since to have the dinner hour
lengthened and the pupils remain half
an hour longer in the afternoon. If
it was possible to do that it would also
be possible to have classes in "first
aid" at the close of the ordinary school
hours. These classes would have to be
compulsory in order to be effective.
There is a movement to have military
drill placed upon the school curriculum.
If this is done it will have to be done
after the study hours, for those are all
too short now. Half an hour of phys-
ical exercise at the close of school
would be a splendid thing for both pu-
pils and teachers. Too many do not
take it voluntarily, and the result is
deterioration. Many of the accomplish-
ments which the boy scouts learn could
well be made compulsory. The diffi-
culty with the voluntary method as it
is to-day is that those who need the

training worst are the ones who do not
get it.

British newspapers generally gave
very little space to President Taft's
message to Congress. It was not a
very important document.

A pair of Christmas turkeys were
sold in London for thirty-five dollars.
That seems to be a pretty steep figure
for a cheap market like London.

Many one will be glad to see build-
ing operations commence on the burnt
over area in the centre of the city. De-
lays are often necessary, but they are
exceedingly irritating.

The municipally owned street rail-
way of Calgary is paying eighteen per
cent, yet it has been in operation only
a few years. The service in that city
is reported to be an excellent one.

Colonel Currie and the officers and
men of the Fifth Regiment are to be
congratulated on the fine showing
they made in gunnery. It is quite sit-
ting that the best work should be
done at this, the gateway to the Orient,
where if ever it becomes necessary to
defend the country the services of the
militia will probably be required.

The Royal Commission on the
Church of England in Wales seems to
have spent a good deal of time wrang-
ling among themselves. Several sup-
plementary reports were brought in by
individual members or groups of mem-
bers. Anglicans and dissenters were at
daggers drawn throughout. Religion
seems to still be a source of discord.

Should an American senator be bathed
at the public expense? Is a question
that is agitating the lawmakers at
Washington. At present the senators
are not only bathed but massaged,
rolled, and slapped on a slab, according
to the most approved methods. It
would be cruel to ask them to pay for
such common necessities as these out
of their senatorial pickings.

The House of Lords feels badly
about losing its political power, but
even that great and august body would
probably prefer to yield gracefully
rather than be extinguished socially by
having five hundred of the "common
people" of the country made their
equals by one stroke of the King's pen.
Such a consummation of the campaign
is unthinkable.

According to a canvass made by a
representative of the New York Herald
there will be in the new House of
Representatives of the United States
288 members who favor tariff revision
out of a total membership of 381.
Champ Clark, who is expected to be the
next Speaker of the House, says he be-
lieves in a wise and scientific revision
of the tariff.

W. Stewart, of the firm of Foley,
Welch & Stewart, has gone to Scotland
for the purpose of trying to induce five
thousand men to come to this country
to work on the construction of the
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. There
is plenty of room in this country for
many times that number of Scotchmen.
The more who come here the better for
the country.

A few years ago a boy who opened a
registered letter and stole money from
it would have been hanged. Just be-
fore Christmas Judge Landis of Toron-
to suspended sentence until after the
Christmas festivities in the case of a
boy proved guilty of stealing two dol-
lars from a registered letter. The
Judge was afraid that Santa Claus
might not find his way into the jail.

The town of Drumheller has just
formed a board of trade and elected
Mr. Drumheller honorary president. Of
course everyone knows where Drum-
heller is. If they don't they may find

it in the very recent maps of Alberta.
If a name is any good to a town
Drumheller should be well to the front.
We wonder at the people there need-
ing a board of trade even.

Commander Stewart and the officers
and crew of His Majesty's Canadian
Ship Rainbow will doubtless be well
pleased at the prospect of a cruise to
the Arctic ocean. It is not improbable
that the chance of making such an in-
teresting voyage will induce a number
more boys meaning men to join the
ship before she leaves.

The inhabitants of Portland, Oregon,
try to impress the rest of the world
that they are blessed with a tropical
climate by having annual swimming
races in the Willamette river on
Christmas Day. The boys stand and
talk to the judges after the race, and
before dressing, and the supreme test is
that they do not knock their teeth
loose while doing so. As the water was
unusually warm this year, not a tooth
was lost.

YESTERDAY WAS BUSY
DAY ON WATERFRONT

Many Liners and Coastwise
Craft Docked Here—Num-
erous Stevedores Employed

Victoria's waterfront presented a
busy appearance yesterday, as nearly
every inch of wharfage was taken up
both at the outer and inner wharves.
Four big liners tied up at the outer
docks, one at the Victoria Chemical
Works, and many coastwise vessels
lay alongside the docks of the inner
harbor.

Early in the morning the Blue Fun-
nel liner Proteus, outward bound
from the Sound to London, with a
14,000-ton cargo, docked at the outer
wharf to take on additional freight.
Shortly afterward another Holt vessel,
the Keemun, arrived from Seattle to
discharge her Victoria cargo brought
from the Old Land. In the afternoon
the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamship
Tacoma Maru reached port from the
Far East with a heavy cargo, and sev-
eral hours later R. M. S. Empress of
India, outward bound for the Orient,
tied up here to take on mails and a
little freight. These vessels lying
alongside at the same time, together
with the tug Lorne, the wrecked Yu-
catan and the steamer Ophir, unload-
ing herring brought from Nanaimo,
completely filled the wharves.

Inside the entrance to the inner har-
bor lay the M. S. Dollar, of the Dollar
line, at the Chemical wharf, discharg-
ing 600 tons of sulphur, taken on at
Muran, North Japan. In the inner
harbor there was the Princess Victo-
ria, Princess Charlotte, Princess Ade-
laide and the Tees, so that there was
little room left at the C. P. R. docks.

Poem Competition!

A PRIZE consisting of ONE TON of our
Old Wellington LUMP COAL will be
given to the person sending us the best
rhyme (humorous or otherwise) describ-
ing the advantages of our coal. Winning
Poem will be used by us for advertising
purposes and must be original and to be
6 lines. Competition closes January 15th,
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Sixty Minute Clearance Sale

MAIN FLOOR

To clear the small balance of our Holiday Goods, Friday, in each of the seven sections we
will hold a SIXTY MINUTE SALE. The sales to be run consecutively through the day, omit-
ting noon. All goods will be marked so low that it will only take the given time to clear
them.

9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m. Umbrella Section	1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Belt Section
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Frilling Section	2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Neckwear Section
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. Leather Goods and Jewelry Section.	3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Leather Goods Sec- tion
	4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Jewelry Section

60 Minutes at the Umbrella Section

9 A. M. TO 10 A. M.

10 ONLY, CANE UMBRELLAS, light steel frames, silk covered, very close rolling; fits in-
side of cane which collapses to pocket size. Regular price \$8.50. 10 only to clear, **\$5.75**
WOMEN'S UMBRELLA, with a fancy handle, silk mixture cover. Regular price \$4.00. To
clear **\$2.75**

60 Minutes in the Frilling Section

10 A. M. TO 11 A. M.

A few hundred of Fancy Ruching Boxes, 5 assorted or 5 white frills to a box. Regular price
25c. To clear **15c**

60 Minutes in the Jewelry and Leather
Goods Section

11 A. M. TO 12 A. M.

BEAUTY PINS and BROOCHES, enamel and plated. Regular prices 25c and 35c. To clear 15c	BILL FOLDS, "Titewad," 200 only solid leather. Regular price 35c. To clear, 20c
AMETHYST BROOCHES, Beauty Pins and Brooches of odd designs. Regular price 75c. To clear, each 40c	150 ONLY, CIGARETTE AND CIGAR CASES. Regular prices 50c and 75c. To clear 25c

60 Minutes at the Belt Section

1.30 P. M. TO 2.30 P. M.

LOT 1—50 only, Tinsel Belts, regular price 25c each. To clear **15c**
LOT 2—Belts of Patent Leather, Paisley, Paisley and Patent trimmed, buckle of brass or jet.
Regular price 50c. To clear, each **25c**
LOT 3—Belts of Velvet Elastic, Tinsel Elastic, also Tinsel Belts, in a huge variety; novelty
or plain buckles. Regular prices \$1.25 and \$1.50. To clear **65c**

60 Minutes at the Neckwear Section

2.30 P. M. TO 3.30 P. M.

LOT 1—Novelty Neckwear, including chiffon and lace, Gibson collars, gold or lace trimmed
satin or lace stocks; satin jabots, lace jabots, etc. Regular prices \$1 and \$1.25. To
clear **60c**
LOT 2—Novelty Collars, Jabots attached, chiffon trimmed with novelty applique; Collars
of Oriental lace, Paisley banding, net and Gibson trimmed, with pearl gold or jet bead-
ing. Regular price \$3. To clear **\$1.25**
LOT 3—Jabots and Dutch Collars of Lace and Swiss embroidery. Slightly soiled. Regular
prices 25c and 35c. To clear, each **15c**
LOT 4—Hobble Bows, Chantier, Paisley and Dresden bows, Hobble Ties, Gibson Collars,
Tulle Bows, etc. Regular prices 35c and 50c. To clear, each **25c**
260 ONLY, SILK MUFFLERS, all guaranteed pure; colors black, white, cardinal, navy, pink
sky, Nile, grey, cream, myrtle, mauve, royal and brown. Regular price 50c. To clear **25c**
CHILD'S MUFFLER, white mercerized only; fringed ends. Regular price 35c. To clear
at **20c**

60 Minutes at the Leather Goods Section

3.30 P. M. TO 4.30 P. M.

TRINKET BOXES, leather, either satin,
velvet or chamois lined; padded and fitted.
Regular prices 90c, \$1.25, \$1.75. To clear
at **50c**
A limited number of SOLID LEATHER
HAND BAGS, oxidized frames, fitted
with change purse. Regular price \$1.75.
To clear **\$1.00**
A Few Odd Pieces, Including Toilet
and Manicure Sets of Sterling Silver and Silver-
oid, to Be Sold at Half Regular Prices.

A limited number of BLACK OR RED
HAND BAGS, solid leather; pocket and
change purse inside. Regular prices \$2,
\$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75. To clear, **\$1.50**
50 ONLY, LEATHER HAND BAGS of fine
quality, silk cord or solid leather lined.
Regular price \$4.50 and \$5.00. To clear
at **\$2.95**
MEN'S CUFF BAGS, solid leather, suede,
in glace finish; many colors. Regular
prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. To clear, **50c**

60 Minutes at the Jewelry Section

4.30 P. M. TO 5.30 P. M.

A few odd pieces of CUT GLASS and STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES to be sold at less
than cost. This includes Perfume Jars, Smelling Salt Bottles, Hair Receivers, Powder
Jars, etc. Regular prices range from \$1.50 to \$4.75. To clear at half prices.
A few ODD TOILET CASES, travelling folders; all well fitted. Regular prices range from
\$2.00 to \$4.00. To clear at half price.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Across the harbor at the G. T. P., the
Prince George, now being overhauled,
was tied up, with the steamer New-
ington, of the marine and fisheries
alongside the government wharf.

At the Hudson Bay dock was the
Princess Ena, Charnier and the light-
house tender Quadra, while at the
Gillis Supply Co.'s wharf lie the Ven-
ture and Vado, of the Boscowitz
Steamship Company's fleet. Many
tugs and small vessels were also tied
up at the inner docks. Yesterday was
the busiest day of several months and
many hundreds of stevedores were em-
ployed in trucking freight from the
liners and steamers.

Sunflowers are cultivated in Russia for
their seed, which are eaten either roasted
or raw and crushed to produce a table oil,
and for their stalks, which make a good
fuel, producing an ash rich in potash.

GOES TO POWELL RIVER.

G. H. Davey, Wireless Operator on
the Quadra, Accepts a
New Position.

G. H. Davey, for many years on the
local staff of the C. P. R. telegraphs,
later employed at the Bamfield Creek
cable station, and now wireless oper-
ator on the D. G. S. Quadra, has, it is
understood, accepted an important
post in the gift of the Dominion gov-
ernment at Powell river, the new town
of that name which has sprung into
existence at the site of the immense
pulp works just approaching comple-
tion on the mainland coast, some 150
miles north of Vancouver.

It is said that Mr. Davey will sever
his connection with the Quadra at an
early date and leave to assume his new

duties at Powell river, acting as go-
vernment agent and postmaster. Mr.
Davey's host of friends will wish him
every success in his more important
post. The town to which he goes
though as yet only in the embryo
stage, has an assured future, inasmuch
as the Powell River Pulp & Paper
Company have put in an immense
plant, which alone gives employ-
ment to several thousand hands.

—On account of the protracted ill-
ness of Mrs. Morley, Mayor Morley re-
grets that he will be unable to recel-
at his home on New Year's Day.

—The chief of police has sent a
mounted constables and four uniformed
patrolmen to the Rugby game
Oak Bay this afternoon. The police
have been requested to prevent a
possibility of a disturbance.

An Egg Spoon Set for a New Year's Gift

Would be a very kind thought and doubtless much appreciated by the recipient. These come in sets of

6 SPOONS IN HANDSOME CASE
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See them here. Note our windows for other charming gift suggestions.

Cyrus H. Bowes

Chemist
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Christmas Conundrums

What is the difference between a turkey with a wing and a turkey without a wing? A mere difference of a pinion. What's the difference between a bottle of Mumm's "Extra Dry" Champagne with the Pink Capsule and a bottle without the Pink Capsule?

There's no difference of opinion as to this. Any connoisseur of champagne will tell you that the bottle bearing the pink capsule is the purest and best champagne procurable while the bottle without the pink cap is not guaranteed. MORAL—Always look for the pink cap, when you order G. H. Mumm & Co.'s "Extra Dry."

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—The department of agriculture short courses in cattle judging will be continued after the holidays at the various lower mainland centres.

—The directors of Tranquille sanitarium met yesterday afternoon in Dr. C. J. Fagan's office, and transacted much routine business. Dr. Vrooman, the new medical superintendent, was present.

—The primary and cradle roll department of the James Bay Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree entertainment tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

—Building permits were issued yesterday to J. O. Duncan & Son for a dwelling to be erected on Government street, to cost \$2,500, and to George Florence for a stable on Quadra street, to cost \$200.

—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Chinese Methodist mission will be held at the Fisguard street headquarters, commencing at 8 o'clock to-night. The usual entertaining programme by the members of the mission will be given.

—The Sunday school of Grace Lutheran church will give its Christmas programme and service Sunday evening at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street. A tree will be decorated and gifts provided for all the children. It was hoped that the service might be held in the new church, but this was found impossible.

—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with the Salvation Army Sunday school will take place to-night in the Citadel, Broad street, commencing at 8 o'clock. The public are invited. There will also be a watch night service Saturday night at 11 o'clock, conducted by Major Morris, of Vancouver.

—James Anderson and Joseph Boschwitz left Victoria on December 12, took the Northern Pacific North Coast Limited from Seattle to Chicago, and the Twentieth Century Limited and Manhattan Limited to New York, where they boarded the Mauretania on December 17 for Liverpool. Their actual travelling time to New York was ninety-four and one-half hours, and the Mauretania was five days in making the run from New York to Liverpool. Nine days from Victoria to London is certainly remarkably fast travelling.

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matter will receive attention at tomorrow

evening's meeting of the streets committee.

—The members of St. Andrew's Society

held a smoking concert last night in their hall, Broad street. An excellent

programme of songs and recitations

was submitted, and several witty

speeches were made. The attendance

was good and all present spent a pleasant

time. T. Wither, vice-president,

occupied the chair. T. M. Brayshaw,

president of the society, will entertain

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 20—5 a. m.—The high pressure area yesterday on the American coast has moved inland and is now central in Nevada and Colorado, and the pressure over British Columbia is fast giving way in advance of an approaching ocean disturbance. East of the Rockies a high barometer area is central in Saskatchewan, snow is falling at Edmonton and it has become much colder, with temperatures well below zero.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Increasing southerly and easterly winds, becoming unsettled, with rain or sleet.
Lower Mainland—Increasing winds, becoming unsettled, with rain or snow.

Reports at 5 a. m.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 0.0; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 5 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, 5 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 5 miles S. E.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 8 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, 3; weather, snow.
Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, 16 miles N.; weather, part cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m. Wednesday:

Temperature.
Highest 45
Lowest 40
Average 42
Rain, 13 inch
General state of weather, cloudy.

—The W. C. T. U. men's mission gave their annual Christmas dinner on Monday at noon. The dinner was provided for by the members of the W. C. T. U. and others interested in the good work being carried on in the mission. Between 70 and 80 men sat down to dinner and not one rose dissatisfied. The Christmas spirit of cheerfulness and good will pervaded the large lecture room. The service was prompt and thorough. Nothing was lacking. Mrs. Kay, the energetic matron, was ably assisted by Miss Copeland, Shaffer, Jubb and Hall, and Mrs. McAdam and Mrs. Lee. A musical entertainment was given in the evening. Mrs. Jubb presiding, and was much enjoyed by the men.

CONFERENCE TO-DAY ON POWER RATES

B. C. Electric Company and City Trying to Reach Agreement

The electric light committee of the city council is this afternoon in conference with A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Company, relative to the fixing of the rate which shall be charged the city by the company for power when the Jordan river plant shall be available in the course of a month's time. As a result of previous negotiations the company offered a rate of one and one-tenth cents. This the city refused, offering a straight rate of one cent.

The negotiations were based on exhaustive calculations made by the city electrician, Mr. Hutchinson, and an expert acting on behalf of the company. The enquiry resolved itself into determining what is the actual cost to the city of producing its light under conditions as they are at present, as it was part of the agreement between the corporation and the company, in the by-law under which the Jordan river project was taken up, that the company should supply power at one-half this estimated cost, as it is at present.

It was on the basis of the calculation made by Mr. Hutchinson that the rate on one cent was struck by the committee, but the company claims that the books of the corporation show that this calculation is erroneous in that it is based solely on the figures of last year, which was an abnormal year in the sense that little was spent by the city in maintenance of plant. It is urged by the company that examination of the books at the city hall shows that a fair calculation of the cost to the city for producing its power should take into consideration the experience of a number of years and not alone last year.

On the decision of the committee being communicated to the company arbitration proceedings were talked of, but as this would be an expensive procedure it was thought better to make another attempt to have the two parties agree, hence the further conference in progress this afternoon.

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CALIFORNIA PORT AND SHERRY, bottle, 50c; gal., \$2.50
FINE OLD OPORTO PORT WINE, bottle, \$1.75 to 75¢
COSSART GORDON'S OPORTO PORT, gallon, \$4.50
SANDEMAN BUCK SPANISH SHERRY, gallon, \$4.50
SEAGRAM'S '83 RYE, bottle, \$1; Star Rye, 85¢
WALKER'S CLUB RYE, bottle, \$1; Imperial, 85¢
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GOLDEN WEST WASHING POWDER, large 3-lb. packet		20c	STEWING PRUNES, 3 lbs. for		25c	CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEE, 1-lb. tin		40c	CLARK'S POTTED MEATS, 4 tins for		25c
PEARLINE, 2 packets for		25c	EVAPORATED PEACHES, 2 lbs. for		\$2.75	2-lb. tin		75c	SUNDRIES		
SAPOLIO, per packet		10c	CLEANED CURRANTS, 3 lbs. for		25c	JAVA AND MOCHA COFFEE, our own blend, Per pound		40c	COX'S GELATINE, per packet		10c
BON AMI, 2 packets for		25c	SEEDED RAISINS, Victoria Cross Brand, the finest put up, Large 16-oz. packet		10c	POSTUM CEREAL COFFEE, large packet		25c	ANTI-COMBINE JELLY POWDER, 4 pkts.		25c
DUTCH CLEANSER, per tin		10c	Or 5 packets for		55c	Small packet		10c	PEA SOUP SAUSAGE, 3 for		15c
WHITE SWAN WASHING POWDER OR SOAP, Per packet		25c	NEW SULTANA RAISINS, per lb.		10c	CONDENSED COFFEE AND MILK, per tin		25c	C. & B. SOUP SQUARES, per packet		15c
PURE WHITE CASTILE SOAP, long bar		20c	ENGLISH MIXED PEEL, per lb.		15c	COCOA			CHIVER'S SOUP POWDERS, 2 pkts. for		25c
GILLET'S LYE, 2 tins for		25c	SHELLED ALMONDS, per lb.		40c	FRY'S BREAKFAST COCOA, half-pound tin		25c	ROBERTSON'S MIXED CREAM CANDY, 2 lbs.		25c
SUNLIGHT OR LIFEBOUY SOAP, 11 bars		50c	SHELLED WALNUTS, per lb.		40c	CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S DUTCH COCOA, quarter-pound tin		45c	C. & B. BOMBAY CHUTNEY, quart bottle		50c
			NEW MIXED NUTS, per lb.		20c	SUCHARD'S COCOA, 1-lb. tin		90c	NICE ONTARIO CHEESE, per lb.		20c
			FRESH ROASTED PEANUTS, per lb.		15c	1/4-lb. tin		45c	REINDEER CONDENSED MILK, 2 tins for		25c
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						1/4-lb. tin		50c	PRICE'S or ROYAL BAKING POWDER, 12-ounce can		35c
						1/4-lb. tin		50c	2 1/2-lb. can		\$1.10
						FRY'S HOMEOPATHIC COCOA, 3 1/4-lb. pkts.		25c	BLUE LABEL CATSUP, large bottle		30c
						LOOSE COCOA, per lb.		25c	PURE BLACK PEPPER, per lb.		25c
						CONDENSED COCOA AND MILK, per tin		25c	GHIRADELLI'S GROUND CHOCOLATE, 1-lb. tin		40c
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SPORT NOTES

The many friends of Joe Dakers, the well known North Ward soccer player, will be glad to know that he is out of hospital, and is feeling much better.

When the holidays are over and the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes are resumed there will be some good leaders knocking about. Ernie Crompton, the speedy swimmer, returned yesterday by the steamer Amur from the North. The date of the opening sessions have not been definitely decided yet.

The first round of the local soccer season can practically be called finished. North Ward have only a couple of postponed matches to play, and if they win them will be on a level with Victoria West.

Alfred Shrubbs is negotiating with Tom Longboat's manager with a view

to having him accompany him to England and run a series of races in February. He says Longboat, as he is now, is as tough a man as he wants to meet from 15 to 18 miles.

Henry Gehring won the middle-weight wrestling championship of the world last night in Cleveland from Walter Willoughby, of Buffalo, N. Y. In two straight falls, the first in 32 minutes and the second in one hour and five minutes. Both men weighed 158 pounds.

For an hour and fifteen minutes in Montreal last night, Hackenschmidt and Steurs, the Belgian, wrestled, and neither secured a fall. Hackenschmidt did all the attacking, but the strength of the Belgian helped the latter out of tight corners. The match was in Graeco-Roman style.

A report that Harry Davis will be the field manager of the St. Louis Browns next season was received in that city to-day from Chicago, where Mark Ewing and E. Hodgman, the

new owners of the team, have been conferring with Ban Johnson. For several years Davis has been first baseman and right hand man for Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics.

The Victoria West Football Club will hold a practice to-morrow afternoon at the College Point. All are requested to be on hand.

NO BASKETBALL

That there will be no basketball games to-morrow night between Victoria West and the V. A. C. Vancouver, was the intimation that Secretary Okell of the Victoria West Club received from the V. A. C. this morning, stating that they would be unable to get a team together.

This news has caused great disappointment amongst the locals as they were all looking forward to a exciting and interesting game. Great inconvenience has also been caused to the local club by the mainlanders not letting them have an earlier intimation regarding their inability to come.

LADYSMITH WIN FROM ESQUIMALT

Local Team Defeated on Monday in Island League Soccer Game

Ladysmith defeated Esquimalt in the first game of the Island League on Monday, at Ladysmith by two goals to nothing. Ladysmith had the best of the game throughout, the forwards outclassing the Esquimalt boys, who lacked attacking powers but were slightly better on the defence.

For Esquimalt Thomas and Duffy were the outstanding players, while Adams, who was centre forward for Ladysmith, was the most conspicuous player for his side. Stevens, one of the Esquimalt forwards, hurt his ankle during the game and had to leave the field.

SATURDAY SOCCER WILL BE VERY QUIET

North Ward and Garrison Will Play Postponed Match—Garrison May Default

Soccer will practically be at a standstill Saturday in the city, as only one game is billed, in which North Ward and the Garrison will participate. Whether the game will take place has not been decided.

If the Wards are successful in capturing the two points they will only be two points behind the Wards. After this match the Wards must meet the Forsters in another match and should they be successful in capturing this game also, they will be on a level footing with the Wards, which will mean a series of deciding matches between the rivals for premier honors.

There was a rumor about town last night to the effect that the Garrison proposed defaulting the match to the Wards. Should this be true it will practically give the Wards an easy struggle to get level with the Wards.

SECOND STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIVALS

Changes in the Berkeley and Victoria Teams—Hieneky to Play in Forward Line

In this afternoon's match at Oak Bay between Victoria and Berkeley University, the second of a series of three for the possession of the Cooper-Keith cup and the Pacific Coast championship, there has been a slight change in both teams.

Hieneky, one of the best forwards in the Victoria team, replaced Lieut. Holt, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow. In the Berkeley team Jordan and Phleger, two fast and heavy forwards who were much in evidence in the opening match last Monday, were replaced by Fleming and Malatesti.

The teams took the field as follows: Berkeley. Position. Victoria. Price. Fullback. Johnson. Pearl. Threequarters. Nason. Baker. Threequarters. Gillespie, H. Allen, S. A. Vincent. Elliott (Capt.) Five-eighths. Allen (C.) Evans. Halfbacks. Newcombe (Captain). Gillespie, A. Douglas. Forwards. Gillespie, R. Markwart. Gillespie, S. Fleming. Hopgood. King. Spencer. Emerson. Sweeney, L. Wheeler. Miller. Dohan. Hieneky. Malatesti. Jeffs. Reserves.

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ENGLISH LEAGUE GAMES.

London, Dec. 29.—Following are the results of the league football games played yesterday:

First Division—Sheffield United 2, Aston Villa 1. Second Division—Hull City, 2, Burnley 0. Southern Division—Northampton 2, Exeter City 0.

SIX STARTERS IN NEW YEAR ROAD RACE

Dr. Lewis Hall Will Start Runners in Front of the Dominion Hotel

The entries for the annual Y. M. C. A. road race on New Year's Day closed last night. Ex-Mayor Hall will be the starter and when he gives the signal "go" there will be five men-trying hard to capture the Hall challenge cup from George Dickson, who is the present holder. It Dickson captures it again it will become his own property. The officials have not been decided on yet.

Dickson will be up against the following: Joe Moore, of the High School; Kersey, of the Empress Club; R. Wallace and C. Johnson of the Y. M. C. A.; and H. Sheridan-Bickers, a former Cambridge runner. It will be learned with regret that Charlie Brown has been compelled to stand down owing to his recent illness.

With the challenge cup there will also be given a second prize by Stephen Jones, another gold medal, and a third by the Y. M. C. A.

The course will be, starting from the Dominion hotel, down Yates, along Government street, around Beacon hill, from there the runners will come along Superior street to Government and back to the starting point.

JUVENILES CHALLENGE.

Ladysmith Boys Want to Meet Victoria at Soccer.

The soccer players at Ladysmith under seventeen years of age have challenged a Victoria soccer team to play for the Island championship. It has been decided to accept the challenge and steps will be taken immediately to muster a team.

A strong committee has been formed and they will get busy immediately selecting good material. A series of two matches will be played against Ladysmith, the first of which will take place here.

A practice has been called for Friday afternoon at 2.30 at Beacon Hill, and all those interested are asked to be present.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Vashon, Wash., Dec. 29.—People living in all the small communities on Vashon island, to-day reported that three distinct earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday afternoon about 5.20 o'clock. Crockery was rattled in several homes, but no damage resulted. The shocks were recorded by the seismograph at the state university in Seattle.

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Titled ladies and public health officers were among the speakers at a conference in London recently of health-promoting institutions convened by the National League for Physical Education and Improvement.

Day nurseries were discussed at the morning sitting, and the Duchess of Marlborough, who presided, said that for the past three years she had had a crèche of her own, where from thirty to forty children came under her notice. The study of eugenics was becoming as great a hobby for the philanthropist as it was a necessary accompaniment to the physician. In the care of the infant lay not only the future health and prosperity of the nation, but also the present salvation of the mother.

Muriel Viscountess Helmley, chairman of the National Association of Day Nurseries, spoke of such nurseries as a Godsend to honest struggling women who tried to help themselves.

Miss M. Frew, a member of the London county council education committee, said the desire of the London county council was that the children's care committees should no longer be merely feeding committees, but should take an active interest in the general welfare of the children.

Sir Shirley Murphy, London county council medical officer, said he believed health societies had come to stay, and he thought that in the future they would be incorporated in a much greater degree with municipal life. They provided for the public a large staff of unpaid officers, but to be effective they must have direct relations with the medical officer of health, and he would like to see them part of his department. That could only be done if those engaged in the work were efficiently trained and prepared to make self-sacrifices. Ladies must not run away for their holidays when their services were needed for dealing with disease.

Mr. Douglas Eyre mentioned the fact that in 1908 English and Welsh mothers bore 1,000,000 babies. Of those 120,000 died in the first year of life, while 53,000 died before attaining the age of five. The highest mortality rate was found in mining districts. Then came the pottery districts and the centres of the textile industries. In London the highest average rates per 1,000 for the years 1901-5 were: Shoreditch, 172; Finsbury, 160; Bermondsey, 158; Poplar, 154. Yet three-quarters of the infants born in the country were healthy at birth. It was a great disgrace to a civilized community.

Dr. F. E. Fremantle, medical officer for Hertfordshire, said the only way to secure practical co-operation among health-promoting agencies was by a visible union in such a way as would focus public attention on the importance of public health work. They should appeal for a fund for \$500,000 to provide an Imperial Institute of Public Health.

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gards size and weight the five-pound piece will resemble a crown and the two-pound piece a florin."

RACE PROBLEM.

Dutch Members in South Africa Opposed to Marriage Between Blacks and Whites.

South Africa is witnessing a recrudescence of the color question. A Dutch member of the Union parliament has proposed an amendment to the Marriage bill forbidding the marriage of whites and colored persons.

The heads of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches declare that if the amendment be carried, they will nevertheless solemnize such marriages. Other churches, except the Dutch, will probably act in a similar way.

The government is trying to burke the amendment, but a large body of Dutch opinion demands the enactment of this restriction.

The press mainly emphasizes the futility of forbidding marriage between whites and colored people without preventing intercourse, which is impossible.

The Dutch church is promoting a private bill to amalgamate the different sections of the church. A feature of the measure is a clause enacting that colored members of the church in Cape Colony lose their membership if they migrate north of the Cape; whilst colored people in the northern colonies will be ineligible for membership.

A section of the press denounces this as an unprecedented and cynical travesty of Christianity.

TROOPS READY TO ATTACK REBELS

Soldiers Under General Luque Succeed in Joining General Navarra's Forces

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—A telegram received by government officials announces that federal troops under command of General Luque have formed a junction with the forces under General Navarra near Pedernales, Chihuahua.

The opinion among officials is that a battle will occur at any moment. The troops now near Pedernales number between 2,800 and 3,000. They have been gathered with the purpose of crushing the rebellion at the earliest possible moment.

The soldiers under General Luque climbed over hills on the sides of the Mal Paso canyon instead of marching through the canyon, thus avoiding the possibility of an ambush while going to the camp of General Navarra.

Report said the troops met with no opposition on their way to join General Navarra, and also that the revolutionists were in the hills and if they did not give battle to the federals, the latter would force the fighting in the territory occupied by the insurgents.

A government official made the statement that there had been no fighting in any section of Chihuahua for the last five days, but admitted that an engagement was hourly expected.

Rumors of Fighting.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 29.—(Via Laredo.)—The main hospital here has been ordered to prepare beds for sixty or more patients. This may mean that a battle has been fought, or it may be merely a preparation for an engagement in prospect. Rumors have been current for three days that there has been a serious fight between the federals and the insurgents west of here, but there has been no confirmation. The only official utterance is "No news." The only thing certain is that the hospital has been provided with the beds ordered.

Later it was learned that a special train for the purpose of bringing wounded was sent from here last night. It was reported officially that the insurgents have deserted Mal Paso. If the report is true, it is probable that the wounded are those injured at Pedernales a week ago.

Word comes from the Ojinaga district that the revolutionists are growing rapidly in strength there. The rumored purpose was to capture the city of Chihuahua while the troops are engaged to the west.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Frank X. Richter took place this morning at 8.45 from the Victoria Undertaking Parlors and at 9 a. m. from the Roman Catholic cathedral, where the requiem mass was sung by Father Laterne. A large concourse of friends were present. The body was afterwards returned to the undertaking parlors and will be taken to Keremeos. The pallbearers were: Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, W. C. Ward, J. B. Reeves, G. Gillespie, and H. D. Helmcken, K.C.

The body of the late George D. Henwood was forwarded at 8 a. m. this morning to Brantford, Ont., for burial. There was a large attendance of Masons and of the Pacific and Arion clubs. The pallbearers were: Chas. Day, E. E. Leeson, Thos. Hayward, Max Lelser, J. E. Miller, R. Jones and J. C. McNeill.

The funeral of Mrs. Benjamin Evans, relict of Benjamin Evans, will take place to-morrow afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Evans had, for the last three years, been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bragg, in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Evans came to Canada in the fifties, settling first at Ingersoll, Ont., and afterwards going to Minnesota, and from there down the Mississippi, via Panama, to the Pacific in the days of the American civil war. Upon arrival at Victoria Mr. Evans established an inn on Old Country Road, to which he gave the name "Wot Cheer Hotel," which afterwards became the well-known Dominion hotel. Upon retiring from business Mr. Evans became a court usher and a personal attendant upon Chief Justice Begbie. He took up land at Cadboro Bay and became renowned for his garden and his setter kennels.

The funeral of the late Ellen Grace Freeman took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the Hanna chapel. A very simple service was conducted by Elder Conway, of the Vancouver Seventh Day Adventists church.

The remains of the late Mrs. John Braden will be buried on Friday afternoon. The funeral will take place from the family residence, Gorge Road, at 2 p. m. and interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. A. Henderson, Centennial Methodist church, will conduct the services.

CANADIAN CLUB.

Students From This Country Attending Princeton University Organize.

The Canadian students of Princeton University and of the Theological Seminary have organized themselves into a club, called the Canadian Club

of Princeton, New Jersey, which meets on the second Saturday evening of every month. The object of the club is to keep alive memories of Canada and stimulate interest in Canadian affairs, as well as to promote good fellowship. The matter now under discussion is Canadian literature, its authors, history and probable future. The officers of the club are: President, F. D. McCharles, B. A., Manitoba; vice-president, J. W. Cohoon, B. A., Toronto; secretary, W. S. Mahon, B. A., Toronto.

At the last regular meeting of the club, to which all the students in Princeton from universities to various parts of the British Empire were invited, it was decided unanimously to form a British club, and the following representative committee was appointed to draft a constitution and nominate officers: N. O. White, Otago University, New Zealand, chairman; S. S. Burns, B. A., Queen's Canada; A. O. Hayes, B. A., McGill, Canada; J. McCammon, B. A., Trinity College, Dublin; B. B. Keet, B. A., South African College, Cape Town.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

21st to 29th December, 1910.

Victoria—Bright sunshine, 5 hours 45 minutes; highest temperature, 46 on 23rd; lowest, 34 on 21st and 27th; rain, 2.10 inches.

Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 5 hours 45 minutes; highest temperature, 44 on 26th; lowest, 34 on 25th; rain, 2.14 inches.

New Westminster—Highest temperature, 44 on 26th and 27th; lowest, 34 on 2 days; rain, 2.30 inches.

Kamloops—Highest temperature, 38 on 23rd; lowest, 18 on 27th; precipitation, .68 inch.

Barkerville—Highest temperature, 38 on 23rd; lowest, 4 on 22nd; precipitation, .50 inch.

Prince Rupert—Highest temperature, 44 on 22nd, 24th and 25th; lowest, 30 on 21st and 22nd; precipitation, 6.04 inches.

Atlin—Highest, 32 on 24th and 25th; lowest, 2 below zero on 24th; no precipitation.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 12 on 21st; lowest, 23 below zero on 25th; snow, 3 inches.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

R. L. Drury returned yesterday from a three weeks' trip to the east.
Judge Lampman left on the Princess Victoria for Seattle yesterday.
H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., is expected back from the Old Country to-morrow.
E. V. Bodwell, K.C., went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Royal.
Miss L. Moore has gone to Spokane, where she will spend a two months' holiday.
Mrs. R. J. Horton has returned from a six weeks' visit to friends in San Francisco.
Sol. Cameron left yesterday on a business trip to Chicago and other eastern cities.
Mrs. G. A. B. Hall will not receive to-day or again until the last Thursday in January.
J. Hemsworth, a Vancouver real estate man, was a passenger on the Princess Royal last night.
E. J. Palmer, of the Chemainus Lumber Co., went over to the mainland last night on business.
Dr. and Mrs. Moody came over from Vancouver yesterday and are stopping at the Empress hotel.
S. J. Clarke, principal of the South Hill school, Vancouver, is spending the holidays in Victoria.
Misses Clarissa and Enid Jackson, Tacoma, are spending the holidays with Mrs. D. Stephen, 27 Erie street.
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall English, New Westminster, spent Christmas here as guests of a Major and Mrs. John Nicholles.

W. J. Manson, M.P., who has just returned from a trip to his old home, the Shetland Islands, was in the city yesterday.
The provincial librarian, E. O. S. Schofield, left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a short trip to San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph Harwood and John T. Kirkham left yesterday via the Northern Pacific and the White Star liner Oceanic for the Old Country.
W. W. Gibson, the Victoria aviator, and Mrs. Gibson left yesterday via the Northern Pacific to attend the great aviation meet at Los Angeles.
Dr. Bert Thompson left for Vancouver yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Dr. E. H. and Mrs. Griffiths have returned to Victoria, having spent their honeymoon in Southern California, and have taken up their residence at Cherry Bank for the winter months.
The engagement is announced of Gertrude Isabel, only daughter of Mr. R. W. Perry, Victoria, to Mr. Gordon Rice, second son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Rice. The marriage will take place in January.
Dr. J. R. Todd and E. D. Todd left yesterday via the North Coast Limited and the steamship George Washington for England, and thence to Africa, where Dr. Todd will continue his researches into the sleeping sickness, while E. D. Todd will hunt for big game. They will be joined at New York by Dr. C. S. Welbach of Montreal.
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Butchart and Miss Butchart left yesterday via the North Coast Limited for New York. Miss Butchart will sail on January 3 on the steamship George Washington for England.

The Saturday Dancing Club will commence the programme of dances at 8 p. m. instead of 9 p. m. next Saturday evening (New Year's Eve). A light supper will be served during the evening. Invitation only.

A marriage will take place early next year between Colonel Bramhall, assistant director of supplies and transport, Malta, son of the late Captain Edward Bramhall, and Millicent, eldest unmarried daughter of Sir Hugh Glison-Roid, LL.D., Tenterden Hall, London, vice-chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Association. Colonel Bramhall was born in Hamilton, Ont., and has occupied high military posts in England, Ireland, South Africa, etc.

The Recreation Club of the Victoria fire department will give a social dance in headquarters building to-night, and the usual enjoyable time may be expected. Miss Thain's orchestra will play. The following is the programme of dances as arranged: 1, waltz; 2, two-step; 3, schottische; 4, waltz; 5, gavotte; 6, two-step; 7, minuet; 8, waltz; 9, three-step; 1st extra, 2nd extra; 10, waltz; 11, minuet; 12, two-step; 13, three-step; 14, waltz; 15, two-step; 16, schottische; 17, two-step; 18, waltz.

The pupils of Mrs. Boulton, A.R.C.M., held a piano-recital on Tuesday evening at the studio, 350 Linden avenue. About sixty people listened to a varied and attractive programme which gave pleasure to all present and which was rendered by the following: Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. W. A. Jameson, Mrs. Brockhurst, Misses Watt, Freda Watt, Kingham, Dorothy Kingham, Rose O'Meara, Victoria—Wilde, Lena Miller, Beck, Miller, John, Ethel Johns; Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Arthur McCoy, Cuthbert Allen, and H. Moxon.

St. Mary's church, Metochia, was the scene of a very pretty Christmas wedding on Monday, December 26, at 2.30 p. m., when Victoria Frances, youngest daughter of Mr. Geo. Pears, was united in matrimony to Mr. Edward John Noury, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Noury, Bridge street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Baugh Allen, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The bride was attended by Miss Lorena Sparks, wearing a blue suit with hat to match and mink fur, and the groom was supported by the bride's brother, Mr. Chas. Pears. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in her travelling suit, a grey tweed with blue plaid hat and wearing an elegant set of mink fur, the gift of the groom. The bride carried white carnations and lilies of the valley, while the bridesmaid carried pink carnations. After the ceremony they motored to "the bride's father's home, Crofters Farm," where a reception was held. At the Christmas dinner. After the usual toasts and congratulations the young couple motored to Victoria and took the midnight boat to spend their honeymoon in Vancouver and the Sound cities and upon their return will make their home in Victoria.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

BY RUTH CAMERON



I received a letter from a man in which he vigorously berated the inconsistency, the extravagance and the general frothiness of the woman of to-day. Not the first letter of the kind I have received. Not by any means. When one writes for the newspapers one thereby becomes the repository of the grouches of all the people who have the habit of getting excited because "the times" are different from "the times" they used to be, and of course "the women of to-day" are a favorite theme with the male members of this cult.

Now, listen, my friends. Do you really want to know whom to blame for a good deal of what the women of to-day are or are not? No, I know you don't. But I'm going to tell you just the same.

You—the men of to-day are. It's a truth as old as Adam and Eve that women are what they are because men want them to be, love them for it, choose them for it.

In a recent number of Life there is a most clever little satire on this subject. The new husband is getting his first batch of his wife's bills. Presumably the touseau has begun to wear out and she is replenishing her wardrobe.

He is staggered at the batch of billet doux that results and comes to her to protest.

Whereupon his wife, instead of promising to do better astonishes him by coming back with "And yet that is what you married me for."

"Married you for?" "That is what I said. You married me because I looked—pretty—fashionable—and how can a woman look that way unless she spends money on her clothes. If I had been a calm, severe,



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There ought to have been another paragraph on consistency. Men always delight to reproach women for inconsistency, and yet show me the man who would enjoy a really consistent woman. You can't, not even if you hunted for him with a twenty-horsepower searchlight substitute for Diogenes' lantern. Carolyn Wells has a little poem which he calls "Unanswerable Questions." After propounding some half dozen

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Latest lumber rates as quoted by the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific coast, according to destination and port of shipment, are as follows: To San Francisco from Mendocino ports, \$2.75, from Humboldt Bay, \$3.25, from Coos Bay, \$2.50; from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River or Puget Sound, \$4.25. To San Pedro, San Diego or other Southern California ports from Mendocino ports, \$2.75; from Humboldt Bay or Coos Bay, \$4; from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River or Puget Sound, \$4.75. To Hawaiian Islands or Guaymas from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River or Puget Sound, \$5.25. To Santa Rosa Island from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River, Puget Sound, \$5. To Sydney from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River or Puget Sound, \$25.50 to 325.50. To Melbourne or Adelaide from the same ports, 25 to 375. To Port Pirie from the same ports, 35 to 375. By steamships from Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor, Columbia River or Puget Sound the ruling rates are: To Hongkong, Shanghai, Kiaochoo or Welhaven, Port Arthur, Newcham, Taku, Kobe, Nagasaki or Yokohama, 35 to 60; to Valparaiso, 425 to 475; to Callao, 400 to 475; to Capetown or other South African ports, 575 to 600.
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VALUABLE CARGO ON TACOMA MARU LARGE SHIPMENT OF SILK AND FREIGHT

Japan-Extending Naval Establishments—Dr. Alexander G. Bell Visiting Orient

Fifteen days out from Yokohama with fair weather during the greater part of the passage, the liner Tacoma Maru, Capt. Yamamoto, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, reached the outer dock yesterday afternoon. This is the second voyage the steamship has made to this port and it will be remembered that she was the vessel to institute the new schedule proposed by the Japanese line, including Victoria in her ports of call, which was brought about through the energetic work of the board of trade.
Three thousand five hundred tons of cargo was brought from Japan for points on the Sound. Her Victoria cargo included the following: One hundred and thirty-five cases of Chinese wine, in preparation for the New Year celebrations; 500 mats of rice; 250 packages of Chinese and Japanese provisions; 64 cases of cotton, furniture; 34 cases of tea; 25 bags of beans; 17 cases of soy and sundries. For Tacoma she has 2,065 bags of concentrates from the American mines at Gensan, North Korea, for the Tacoma smelter.
Nearly a million dollars' worth of silk was carried by the Maru, which is to be rushed with all speed to New York. The Osaka steamships always have a valuable shipment of silk in their holds, as they operate in connection with the Chicago & Milwaukee Railway Company, which has a quick service from Seattle to New York.
Among the passengers on the Tacoma Maru was S. Saeki, assistant manager of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, who is on a visit to the Sound. In the course of a short interview he stated that his company was well satisfied with the trade between Victoria and Japan, which fully warranted a call being made here. He also referred to the fact that the trade was continually on the increase and that before long he hoped to see as much freight consigned to Victoria merchants as to other points on the Sound. There were two other saloon passengers on the Maru, S. Ida and M. Ono, Japanese merchants, who are bound for Seattle on business. In the steerage there were 27 passengers, none of whom left the ship here.

Word was brought by the Maru that Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who is now on a tour of the world accompanied by his wife, and who left this city several months ago for Australia, was in Chefoo, China, in the early part of the month, and that it was his intention to proceed to his home in the United States via the Mediterranean, visiting India and Japan en route. When in Japan he was given an enthusiastic welcome, and the Japanese were connected with the pristine trials of the telephone.
In view of the progress made in the shipbuilding and gun-making industry in the Japanese naval establishments, the authorities are considering a further improvement and extension of the navy, which is to be started next year, is to be used for this purpose. Steel is manufactured by the Japanese navy principally at Kure naval arsenal, but it is also manufactured on a small scale at Yokosuka and one or two other places.
According to a Seoul dispatch, arrangements are making steady progress for the establishment of a hemp manufacturing company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, by Japanese and Koreans. The factory would be built near Seoul.

MARINE NOTES

To receive a thorough overhaul, the steamer Cetina, of the Northern Steamship Co., will arrive here in a few days and will be hauled out on the Victoria Machinery Depot ways.

It is expected that the steamship M. S. Dollar, of the Dollar Line, will leave the Victoria Chemical Works, tonight, where she has been unloading 600 tons of nitrate, for Comox to load coal.

The G. T. P. steamer Bruno will arrive here to-morrow to be overhauled. She was the first of the Grand Trunk steamers to arrive on this coast and now running between Prince Rupert, Stewart and Queen Charlotte Island.

With a record of having saved the crews of four vessels from death in the gale of Tuesday night off the Cape Cod shore, the revenue cutter Gresham has reached Boston. She had on board the crews of the schooners Abbie, G. Cole, W. E. Ayer and S. A. Fowness, and had in tow the schooner Stephen G. Load, the crew of which she rescued and landed at Provincetown.

With nearly half a million dollars' worth of gold on board, the steamship Victoria is due in Seattle to-morrow. This precious cargo is being brought from the Iditarod mines by Louis Viegas and his partner, Tom Nester. The Victoria is also bringing Captain Daniels, master of the ill-fated steamer Olympia, wrecked on Bligh Island reef, Prince William Sound; Third Officer Gus Swanson, and two sailors. The wreck has now been abandoned, and it is reported that the vessel is rapidly being battered to pieces.

Textiles are dyed a permanent blue by electric currents, which convert an insoluble mixture of caustic potash and indigo into indigo white, which, when exposed to the air, becomes oxidized into indigo blue.

PURCHASE PROPERTY ON PORTLAND CANAL

Venture Brings Word That Granby Smelting Co. Has Bought Valuable Mine

News of the rapid development of the Portland Canal properties and the rich quality of the ore found there was brought south by the Roseville Steamship Company's steamer, Venture, which arrived from northern British Columbia ports yesterday morning. Several months ago the Granby Smelting Company secured an option on the Hidden Creek copper mines, situated on Goose Bay, at the entrance to Portland Canal, and as a result of the richness of the ore removed from the mine it is understood that the Granby company will purchase the property.
Ever since the option was taken, the Granby officials have employed a number of miners in conducting experiments, and what has been attended with satisfactory results. It has been found that there is an immense body of ore on the land and specimens that have been sent to the assay show that it is of the highest grade. This property is said to be one of the most valuable in the region of Portland Canal district, and is expected to yield abundant ore when the plant is in operation.
A reducing plant is shortly to be installed so as to prepare the copper for shipment to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. It has been covered by experts engaged by the company with that at present used at the smelter a better flux can be obtained. The ore taken from the company's new mine will be refined and shipped to the smelter via Vancouver. It has been unofficially announced that the Granby Smelting Co. will purchase this rich mine.
The Venture also brought word that the many other companies operating on Portland Canal are meeting good results, and that in the spring they intend pushing the work extensively. At present there is considerable snow on the ground in the north, and the companies have more or less abandoned work for the winter months.

VANCOUVER SHIPPING FIRM LEASES WHARF

Evans, Coleman & Evans Secure G. T. P. Pier "A" and Open for Business Jan. 1

Speaking to a Times representative this morning Capt. C. L. Nicholson, superintendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific B. C. coast service, gave information to the rumor which has been current for several days regarding the leasing of Pier "A" to Evans, Coleman & Evans, the pioneer shipping and importing firm of the coast, which prior to this time has confined its field of business operations to Vancouver.
For some time past this company has been looking for water frontage in Victoria and tried to secure property south of the B. C. wharf works. The commencement of a branch of this old established business firm in Victoria shows that this city is in the eyes of all shipping organizations, owing to its fine harbor facilities and also as it is a flourishing town, which offers such splendid opportunities for a concern of this kind.
This firm is agent for many steamship lines and handle a great deal of freight, importing cannery supplies, iron and steel products and mining and mill supplies. H. J. Crowe, former sales manager for the Denny-Renton Clay & Coal Company at Seattle, has been appointed manager for Vancouver Island, with W. P. Silsbury, Jr., as assistant manager. They will open for business at the first of the year.
Capt. Nicholson gave the information that all those who intend taking in the Hawaii excursion, which leaves here February 2, must have their tickets in before January 12. There will be room for 810 excursionists on the Prince Rupert, and numerous inquiries are being made daily at both Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and Portland for reservations.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 29.
Open High Low Close
Wheat— 92 1/2 93 1/2 92 3/4 92 3/4
May 92 1/2 93 1/2 92 3/4 92 3/4
July 92 1/2 93 1/2 92 3/4 92 3/4
Corn— 47 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2
May 47 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2
Sept. 47 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2
Oats— 31 31 1/2 31 31 1/2
Dec. 31 31 1/2 31 31 1/2
May 31 31 1/2 31 31 1/2
July 31 31 1/2 31 31 1/2
Sorghum— 32 32 1/2 32 32 1/2
Jan. 32 32 1/2 32 32 1/2
May 32 32 1/2 32 32 1/2
Lard— 10 10 1/2 10 10 1/2
May 10 10 1/2 10 10 1/2
Short Ribs— 10 10 1/2 10 10 1/2
Jan. 10 10 1/2 10 10 1/2
May 10 10 1/2 10 10 1/2

TEES IN FROM HOLBERG

Completing the long trip on her schedule to Holberg and return, the C. P. R. steamer Tees arrived yesterday morning. She experienced a very rough passage, but arrived safely.

Her cargo included 100 tons of fertilizer and 21 drums of oil, taken on at the Eschschur whaling station. Twenty-six passengers were brought to this city from the various ports of call. The Tees leaves again at the beginning of the month.

Good Buys ON QUADRA STREET

Close-in Quadra street lots at "bargain" prices are mighty scarce, and growing more so every day. People are only beginning to appreciate the fact that some day soon this property is going to be very valuable.

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(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)	New York, Dec. 29.
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Am. Agr. Chemical	43 1/2 43 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	76 1/2 76 1/2
Am. Can. pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Am. Locomotive	76 1/2 76 1/2
Am. Smelting	76 1/2 76 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Anacosta	76 1/2 76 1/2
Do. pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
B. R. T.	76 1/2 76 1/2
C. P. R.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Central Leather	76 1/2 76 1/2
C. & O.	76 1/2 76 1/2
C. & G. W. pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Do. pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Do. 1st pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Goldfield Cons.	76 1/2 76 1/2
G. N. pref.	76 1/2 76 1/2
G. N. Ore effs.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Inter-Metro.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Kas. City Southern	76 1/2 76 1/2
L. & N.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Lehigh Valley	76 1/2 76 1/2
M. & T.	76 1/2 76 1/2
M. Pacific	76 1/2 76 1/2
Nevada Cons.	76 1/2 76 1/2
N. A. C.	76 1/2 76 1/2
N. & W.	76 1/2 76 1/2
N. P.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Pacific Mail	76 1/2 76 1/2
Pennsy.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Pressed steel Car	76 1/2 76 1/2
Rea-Nugent	76 1/2 76 1/2
Rock Island	76 1/2 76 1/2
S. P.	76 1/2 76 1/2
Sou. Railway	76 1/2 76 1/2
Tenn. Copper	76 1/2 76 1/2
U. S. Steel	76 1/2 76 1/2
Utah Copper	76 1/2 76 1/2
Money on call, 40 per cent.	
Total sales, \$97,400 shares.	

LOWER EXPRESS RATES

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Without appealing to the courts the Canadian railways will accept the order of the Canadian railway commission slashing express rates. The railways at first announced that they would take the order to court, but to-day decided that they would make no fight against the new rates.

A famous firm of German gunmakers has turned out a weapon designed to throw a huge and brittle shell which, on bursting, will envelop an enemy in death-dealing gases.

After studying the subject nearly three years, Cairo, Egypt, has decided to get its water supply from the river Nile, taking proper precautions as to intake and filtration.

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CALIFORNIA SIGHT PLACES

IN the Winter season the mind
turns to thoughts of California, with its palms and roses and flowers, the joys of the great beaches with their immense hotels.
It is a land that every one must visit once, and a land that, once visited, is never forgotten, but oft returned to.
The old missions, the famous ostrich farm, the great Yosemite, the wonderful island of Catalina, the beautiful village of Paso Robles, with its mud baths and its wonderful curative springs of Lythia and Sulphur, one of the world's great health resorts—all these are but a few of California's winter attractions.
Shake off the oppression of the long, dreary days of winter, and visit the land of sunshine.
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Ermine Wraps Worth a King's Ransom



The Opera Bonnet a Fad of the Season



Dark Velvets Embroidered with White China Beads



Little Wraps with Huge Muffs Rival Long Cloaks

Rich Velvets and Metallic Embroidery Make Gowns Gorgeous

Severely Classic Tunics and Humble Peasant Styles—A Snow Flurry of White Beads Drifts Across Fashion—Velvet Gowns Have Sleeves of Fur—The New Peg-top Wrap.

The revelations of horse show and horse shoe come almost synonymously in New York, and great are the preparations made by modistes, milliners, furriers and jewelers for both events; but while the horse show undoubtedly establishes the modes in correct afternoon and street costume, it is to the opening night of opera—to the revelations of the exclusive horse shoe of boxes—that all America looks for confirmation of styles in winter evening dress.

The fashion reporters for all the great dailies have seats of vantage in the orchestra. You meet men and women with scribbling pads in the most sacred precinct of the parterre corridor where velvet carpets, almost ankle deep subdue the footfall; you catch them lurking at the turns in the great stairway up and down which sweep stupor gowns between the acts. Their somber costumes mark strange blots in the brilliant color of the carriage vestibules where lovely frocks and wonderful wraps move in an ever changing kaleidoscope of tones and tints as their wearers chat, yawn or stand indifferently waiting for the announcement of carriages and motors.

Opera dress is the supreme elegance of costume, the consummation of the grande toilette. One may have lovely dinner frocks, handsome reception costumes, bewitching dancing dresses; but the opera frock is more elegant more conventional more expressive of luxury and wealth than any of these. It is so to speak "on parade," the cynosure of a thousand eyes. It will be described with more or less exactitude in all the morning papers and its elegance, cost and effectiveness will be discussed and criticized on every hand.

VELVET GOWNS FOR EVENING WEAR.

The favor for velvets and furs gives a touch of Russian magnificence to this winter's evening dress, and where fur-trimmed velvets are not used one finds chiffon embroidered with beads or weighted with gold and silver embroideries in a very orgy of oriental extravagance. Velvet gowns, however, are the dernier cri in Paris just now, and the new velvets are so beautifully fine and soft and so thin and light in texture that these costumes are really no warmer than satin ones would be. It is another story, however, when fur is used generously with the velvet and one speculates whether some of the women who have ordered superb velvet and fur costumes for opera wear will not rue their bargain in the heated atmosphere of the boxes. But if pride—as the old saying goes—can keep one warm, no doubt it can also keep one cool, and even fur sleeves may be endured with equanimity if the pelt is elegant enough to arouse a flutter of interest in the observer.

A superb gown which is being finished for wear on the opening night of grand opera on the fourteenth of the month, is of black velvet which reaches from bust to heels in perfectly straight, unfitted lines, two widths only of the velvet being used with an uncurved seam down the sides under the arms. At front and back this black velvet slip which is exactly the shape of an ordinary bolero case, reaches up to a blantly rounded tab over an upper bodice of white ermine fur, the sleeves to the elbow being also of this white

ermine, fashioned all in one piece with the bodice. No trimming, no jewels, nothing to interfere with the severe classical lines of this black and white velvet and fur gown which will be worn by a statuesque young woman with red-gold hair.

GREEK EFFECTS BORROWED FROM A FRENCH PLAY

Classic robes, with tunics, peplos and togas in all manner of styles promise to be a fad of the winter and all this because of a French play which was put on the boards last winter. This play, called "Lysistrata," with a scene laid in ancient Greece, gave the opportunity for a display of most beautiful costumes which were designed by no less an artist than Redfern himself and which produced wonderful effects of pastel coloring and of draperies that seemed to disguise but really revealed the figure. In this play Mme. Laparcerie, who had one of the leading parts, wore a much talked of gown of flesh-colored crepe de chine which ended at the bust line, shoulders and arms being veiled only with flesh-colored tulle. The draperies were caught up at bust and knee with cabuchons of blue turquoise. Another frock worn by the same actress was of thin, pale yellow satin, with a straight, narrow skirt and a little hip tunic, girded high under

the arms with a gold cord tied in a loose knot.

ALL WAISTLINES ARE HIGH—These metallic cord girdles are a feature of this winter's evening dress; and they are often used with little hip length tunics, which are sweetly Greek and youthful when made of chiffon or other lightweight material. Some of the French dressmakers call these little tunics "Greek chemises," and this new Greek chemise promises to revolutionize feminine dress and bring back a garment long ago consigned to the limbo of oblivion—the basque extending over the skirt below the waist line.

Just now, however, all waistlines are high again—quite under the arms in Empire style in many of the evening gowns. Some of the Callot and Paquin frocks for younger women, with straight, gathered skirts, confined at the ankles by bands of fur or embroidery and little high-waisted bodices crossed demurely over the bust in quaint, surplice effect, are bewitchingly pretty, and all of these frocks are cut short enough to show daintily clad feet and ankles quite frankly.

Only the debutantes, however, wear these simple little frocks at the opera.

Costumes of a more splendid and formal character are called for on the important premiere night and trailing gowns of velvet, satin and even cloth of gold, elaborately decolette and accompanied by wonderful jewels will be in evidence in most of the boxes.

THE V-SHAPED DECOLLETAGE THE FAVORITE.

The old style evening bodice cut low all around and appearing to be held on below the bare shoulders by some miraculous means has gone entirely out of style. Usually now the shoulders are veiled; the veiling material extending down over the arms to form little sleeves of some sort.

But this decolletage though it appears frankly clipped off top of the corsage of other days, for the veiling fabric is but a layer of chiffon or lace, and the body of the gown beneath comes scarcely to the bust line, so that sometimes the suggestion of nudity albeit achieved with flesh-colored tulle of quite sufficient thickness, is positively startling. For example, a gown of gold-colored velvet, with a sweeping skirt embroidered to knee depth with wheat-colored silk studded with topaz-colored beads, has a broad girdle reaching

from the rather high waistline to the bust in front, while under the arms it slopes downward toward the back, rising at the center back but four inches above the waistline. This girdle is heavily embroidered like the skirt, and from it two embroidered straps pass over the shoulders and extending outward to form a short kimono sleeve is a little yoke of cream lace, embroidered with gold thread, and the gown beneath comes scarcely to the bust line, so that sometimes the suggestion of nudity albeit achieved with flesh-colored tulle of quite sufficient thickness, is positively startling.

A coral pink satin evening gown, worn by one of the pretty living models at a recent exhibition of costume in one of the large shops, had an upper bodice and

bust or cord, and in them one carries, besides the opera glass and handkerchief, a little vanity outfit, comprising necessary pad of powder, a tiny jar of cream to rub on the eyebrows when the powder has been dusted over them, perhaps a rabbit's foot dusted with the simplest rouge and the stick of rosy lip salve which a surprising number of women use nowadays. The women's dressing-rooms in all the fashionable restaurants are equipped with a full supply of cosmetics, and there is a smartly dressed little maid who will provide one with what one wishes from a dainty glass-walled cabinet, where all the little pots and boxes of powder and salve are plainly displayed; but the fastidious woman prefers to carry her own beauty outfit, though the smart little maid, hovering solicitously around, will expect her to provide whether or not her stock of beautifiers is called upon.

Bits of handsome brocade and oriental embroidery are used for the opera bags which are decorated with gold lace and the exquisitely dainty French ribbon work—the little vines and flowers twisting over the brocade ground being made by hand from folded ribbons, a single rose often taking a good hour to fashion. These bags are in beautiful colorings of old blue, soft, dull pink, orchid shades and yellowish greens which blend into the antique gold tones of the trimmings. The bottom of the bag is usually a mirror and there is another mirror inside—a tiny hand glass with a mosaic or enamel handle, so that by the aid of the two mirrors maid may be quite sure the back of coiffure and frock are in perfect order.

The coiffure is of course a vitally important problem for the opera, where hats are never worn. Even the women who come by way of the subway and street cars and sit in the balconies above the two tiers of boxes, remove their hats and wraps to reveal dainty evening frocks and elaborate coiffures so that the great house, rising tier upon tier from orchestra stalls to the inexpensive seats under the roof, is brilliant and splendid with color.

All hair ornaments now are bound close

to the head; or rest flat against the hair, not interfering with the general sweep and line of the coiffure. Oriental effects, with ornaments dangling over the ears, are very fashionable and the hair is dressed so that it stands well out at the sides with curls tumbling over the ears. In contrast to this is the severely classic coiffure affected by women who can stand it, with the classic gowns which are having a vogue just now. Fillets of all sorts are worn with this classic style of dress over the top of the head, tapering to a point where they pass back of the ears.

Massive combs and pins are also worn in the hair, and bandeaux resting flat on the head just behind the line of the brow are much used. These are of dull gold and of rhinestone, and some very beautiful ones are of tortoise shell inlaid with gold.

One of the coiffure ornaments illustrated is a bandeau—or fillet—made of braided ribbons of a pale yellow color. This bandeau passes completely around the ears, which, of course, are covered now in all smart hairdressings. Tiny, sparkling rhinestones are sewed to the ribbon at intervals. A lattice-work of twisted ribbons, sewed with pearl beads makes another pretty bandeau. This ornament is made of pale pink ribbon, the ribbon flowers being in this color and the little leaves are made of silver tissue, also sewed with pearls. The cluster of flowers and leaves when the bandeau is adjusted, comes low on the right side of the head, over the ear.

For a statuesque beauty is designed the laurel wreath of gold leaves with a wired bow of black velvet on which are sewed small topaz-colored jewels. This ornament does not rest on top of the head, but passes under the Greek knot at the back, the leaves trailing upward at either side.

Coiffure ornaments in wreath and fillet effect.

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Coiffure ornaments in wreath and fillet effect.

Making the Evening TOILETTE Complete

No indulgent father who has acceded to the coaxing request for a new evening frock will object to the hundred-dollar or so bill which comes in; but he will open his eyes at the three-hundred-dollar bill for incidentals. This amount is not exaggerated, for the pretty trifles which make the evening toilette complete cost a pretty bit of money, and they are quite as important to a maid's correct appearance as her gown.

The first item on the list of these "accessories to the fact," as they might be termed, is the evening wrap. Of course it must match the gown—or utterly spoil the latter by an inharmonious background. If this evening wrap be in the latest shape and made of satin, with a trifle of embroidery or gold galloon for trimming \$200 will be little enough to pay for it, and, of course, if it has any trimming of fur its cost may soar up into the four figure mark.

Another hundred dollars may easily be spent on the smaller belongings—the dainty hose and slippers, \$10 a pair for each; the coiffure ornament will cost \$5 more very likely; a pretty fan, handpainted and with carved sticks, will be \$10 at least; gloves—if long enough to reach the shoulder, as this year's gloves do—will make a big hole in another \$5. Ten more may easily be spent for a dainty theatre bag of embroidered brocade, with a vanity outfit inside, and, as for the petticoat, which is a most important item, in that it shows when a maid lifts gown and wrap to ascend a stair or step into a carriage, the petticoat may cost \$10 of \$20, if it is a Paris affair of sheer linen embroidered by hand and dropped over lace frills.

Evening frocks are so short this season that footwear is a most important consideration. Young women—even the young



DAINTY WHITE SLIPPERS OF SATIN AND DUCKSKIN.

matrons—are wearing little Empire evening dresses with huge waistlines and straight, quaintly old-fashioned skirts, showing an inch or two of stocking above the ankle. Of course, with such short and narrow skirts the feet must have every advantage possible in the way of dainty hose and slippers and many women are having all slippers built to order so that the foot may be made to look as small as possible without discomfort. Gold slippers, with pale gold colored silk stockings to match, are especially popular, though there are slippers and cowbwoy stockings to match all the delicate shades used for

frocks. So much black is being worn this winter that black slippers form an important part of every footwear display. The black velvet is delightfully pretty; the jetty blackness being relieved with sparkling rhinestone ornaments at the instep. Rhinestone butterflies, with outspread wings, cost up to \$20 a pair, and wonderful fully effective with black hose and slippers and a stunning black gown, are these fiery, poised butterflies hovering over a maid's insteps.

The opera bag is an indispensable part of the smart opera toilette now. These bags are hung over the arm on long ribbons or cord, and in them one carries, besides the opera glass and handkerchief, a little vanity outfit, comprising necessary pad of powder, a tiny jar of cream to rub on the eyebrows when the powder has been dusted over them, perhaps a rabbit's foot dusted with the simplest rouge and the stick of rosy lip salve which a surprising number of women use nowadays. The women's dressing-rooms in all the fashionable restaurants are equipped with a full supply of cosmetics, and there is a smartly dressed little maid who will provide one with what one wishes from a dainty glass-walled cabinet, where all the little pots and boxes of powder and salve are plainly displayed; but the fastidious woman prefers to carry her own beauty outfit, though the smart little maid, hovering solicitously around, will expect her to provide whether or not her stock of beautifiers is called upon.

All hair ornaments now are bound close

sleeve of flesh-colored chiffon, and made quite simply with an entire absence of trimming, this coral pink gown seemed to be molded on the beautiful figure of its wearer, the satin gleaming and shimmering as each movement of the limbs in walking drew the soft satin folds into new lines of grace. This gown was purchased to make part of an October troussseau and the avowed intention of its owner is to appear in it at the premiere night of opera on the 14th of this month.

A GOWN WITH THREE TUNICS.

From Paul Poiret comes a lovely costume which has been brought across the ocean especially for an initial appearance on opening opera night. This gown, by means of one chiffon tunic dropped over another, has a shaded effect that is wonderfully beautiful, the shading, of course, growing deeper toward the waistline, where all three layers of chiffon come together. The under robe, straight and simple, is of white satin and over this fall the three tunics of pale sea green chiffon, each a little shorter than the other and the upper one reaching only just below the hips. Each tunic is weighted with a band of gold embroidery and a cord and tasseled ends of dull gold outline the waist.

These classic gowns call for equally classic coiffures, and not every woman can wear the Sappho like knot at the back of the head with happy effect. Fortunately this Greek hairdressing is not obligatory, and many women this winter are taking up the more becoming low parting with the hair dressed at the back at either side of the head behind the ears, or in a chip bonnet of dancing little curls with a soft coil of long hair twisted around the head just outside of this chignon. Two hairdressings fancied in Paris just now are illustrated. One is the cap of white lace with pearl cabuchons over the ears; the other a slightly more matronly style with a velvet cap trimmed with an upstanding agrette which lends height and dignity.

THE OPERA BONNET WHICH COVERS THE HAIR.

Another very fashionable style of head-dressing, shown in a separate photograph, is the close-fitting cap or "opera bonnet" which is worn through the street with the

evening wrap in place of a hat. These coquettish little bonnets are extravagantly popular just now and are made of lace, of velvet or—as in this instance—of rich metallic embroidery. The bonnet pictured here matches a gown of flame-colored chiffon dropped over satin of the same brilliant tone and subdued by a deep flounce and sleeves of velvet a shade darker. This red gown with a gold cord girdle, gold bonnet and the rich gold embroidery on the tunic is characteristic of the luxurious effects of the moment. Beaded effects are also extremely fashionable, white beadings especially being in great favor on chiffons of dark coloring.

GAY LITTLE WRAPS WITH HUGE MUFFS TO MATCH.

Those who attend the opera but do not sit in the charmed circle of boxes often come in hats with stunning wraps which are retained and draped over the back of the seat. Women who have not far to drive are wearing this winter over the light evening frocks pretty little shoulder wraps of fur or fabric made by huge picturesque muffs and artistic hats. A wrap of this sort is illustrated, the material being gold tissue laid over silk of the same shade with a border of marabout and a trimming of silk roses in shades of old pink. The hat is of pink silk covered with shirred gold tissue and a trimming of shaded pink and tan feathers.

GORGEOUS WRAPS ACCOMPANY OPERA GOWNS.

Most of the handsome wraps which are trailed through the carriage vestibule from the box corridors are fur, and many of these wraps represent tidy fortunes in themselves. White rabbit and coney pelts with the more expensive ermine, and some of these white fur wraps trimmed with white fox are rarely beautiful. This year many velvet wraps will surely make a part of the panorama, for velvet is even more fashionable than fur as a wrap material now. Persian and brocade linings, heavy embroideries and bands of fur trim the new velvet wraps and most of them have pegtop shape—that is, they are very roomy and broad across the shoulders, but taper into a very narrow width at the foot, making the wearer appear extremely slender and tall.



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By order of the Board.

R. CAMPBELL, General Manager.

Winnipeg, November 23rd, 1910.

Advertise in the Times

SAANICH COUNCIL HOLDS LAST SITTING

Several Matters of Business
Are Wound Up—Vote on
Town Hall Sites

The final meeting of the Saanich council for this year was held on Saturday afternoon. Reeve Nicholson, who is rapidly recovering from a severe illness, was unable to attend. Councillor Sewell was voted to the chair.

W. J. Dowler, clerk of Victoria city council, wrote granting the petition for a 6-inch water main to supply the University school, the work to commence as soon after the passage of the water main extension by-law as possible. Received and filed.

Mayor A. J. Morley wrote complimenting the Saanich council on their stand re the Oak Bay private bill for water supply. Received and filed.

Eberts & Taylor, for the Elliston estate, disclaimed responsibility to furnish out for surface drainage water now injuring Quadra street roadway, and threatened legal proceedings if nuisance was not abated.

Councillor Borden pointed out that the correspondent was not fully seized of the situation and but for a slight diversion of water on to the roadway by one ratepayer the balance was running in the natural water course.

This resident will be ordered to stop this diversion and the municipality will open their culvert to let away all the overflow now impounded and let the Elliston estate either provide a larger drain or take the consequences.

The road superintendent pointed out that the late P. Elliston was prepared to do this knowing fully that he had put in too small a drain pipe to carry off the drainage after a heavy rain.

J. Pim reported that one of the streets shown on a map submitted by D. R. Harris of a subdivision on corner of Burnside and Wilkinson road was impracticable owing to its precipitous nature.

Councillor Grant moved that for this reason the plan be rejected, pointing out that although the council would not take over any street until properly made, yet it deceived intending settlers who are not made familiar with this fact. The motion carried.

Dr. Nelson reported that the health of the municipality was good during the year. Diphtheria was responsible for two deaths, dysentery three deaths and infantile paralysis one death. The report was received and filed.

C. Pointer enclosed cheque for \$25, being one-half cost of improvements on Graham street. He also complimented the road superintendent on the thoroughness of his work. Received and filed.

J. C. Gallety complained of the bad condition of the road leading to Prospect lake. It was explained by Mr. Pim that it had been attended to and the communication was filed.

Mrs. C. Carey, Oak street, asked for information as to the method of assessment under the improvement act. The information will be supplied.

S. G. Hodges asked for a sidewalk on Burns avenue. This was passed up to the next council.

S. Childs, on behalf of J. Glover, offered to sell one-half acre for road purposes at the rate of \$250 per acre. The road superintendent's report on this matter was also read and it was decided to purchase about one-eighth of an acre at the rate of \$500 per acre, thereby saving a lot of blasting of rock by a slight curve around it.

F. T. Tapscott sent in three requests, first to be permitted to connect the drain with the road drainage; second, to put in a box drain under the road to carry the water off, and third, to get a new sidewalk.

The first and second were referred to Superintendent Pim, and the third was referred to the next council.

M. B. Smith enclosed cheque for \$25, part of the \$2,000 grant by the provincial government to be expended on trunk roads.

W. J. Chave offered two lots for municipal hall purposes, 40x200 feet, near the corner of Saanich and Carey roads, the site of the old Cloverdale Athletic hall, for \$2,000, the option to hold, good until April 1.

Councillor Sewell wanted the council to submit two sites for the people's choice at the coming election, one at the Royal Oak station, a corner with 180 feet frontage on the Saanich road, for \$200, and one to be chosen anywhere in Ward two, at a price to be arranged.

Councillors Freeman and Hobbs did not think this fair or businesslike. The ratepayers should know what was to be paid in each case for the lots and also where they were located.

Councillor Grant moved that W. J. Chave's offer be accepted, as the choice for the lower end of the district, subject to the plebiscite vote. Councillor Hobbs seconded.

Councillor Freeman would never agree to paying \$2,000 for a hall site, and notwithstanding his speech to the contrary, moved an amendment that a blank site in Ward two be chosen at a blank price. Councillor Borden seconded this.

The amendment was lost on the following vote: For—Freeman and Borden; against—Grant, Hobbs and Mat-
thews. The motion carried on the same vote reversed.

The health and morals committee reported that Father Latorge was interviewed re the housing of vagrants in the district and promised that great care would be exercised in future in this respect.

It was decided to hold the court of revision on January 3 at 11 a. m. in Glanford avenue chambers.

THE ADVANCE MAN.

"The Chocolate Soldier"—It has been due merely to the matter of chance, but in the list of operas sung by Antoinette Kopetzky, prima donna of "The Chocolate Soldier" company, there has never been a role not unusually arduous.

It was in "Madame Butterfly" she made her appearance at Covent Garden, London, and afterwards sang through the Riviera season at the opera houses in Nice, Mentone and Monte Carlo; it was in "Aida," "Boheme" and Paderewski's opera, "Manru," that she made her most pronounced successes at the Theatre National in Prague, and in "The Chocolate Soldier," in which the vocal demands are not less strenuous than in any grand opera remembered and far more versatility is required; she is off the stage hardly more than ten minutes during the three hours of performance.

"The Chocolate Soldier" will be at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday, January 3.

"The Inferior Sex."—Miss Maxine Elliott, who has not been seen in Victoria in some seasons, comes to the Victoria theatre on Thursday, January 5, in "The Inferior Sex," the jolly nautical comedy from the pen of Frank Stayton with which she captivated New York theatregoers at Daly's theatre last winter and spring.

Miss Elliott, who is the only woman in the cast, will have practically the same supporting company which was with her in New York, and identically the same production, which shows the cabin and deck of a luxuriously appointed yacht and which is especially lavish.

Grace Cameron, Manager Denham is able to announce to his patrons that for one night, Monday, January 9, he has secured Miss Grace Cameron, the Broadway favorite, to appear in "C. Herbert Kerr's brand new comedy "Nancy."

This character is a continuation of her famous character "Little Dolly Dimples" which we all liked so well upon the occasion of Miss Cameron's last appearance here. Her supporting company is an exceptionally fine one and the production is carried in its entirety by the company.

"The Squaw Man."—In "The Squaw Man" which comes to the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, January 11, is found a western play of that region, and with a spice of novelty far too infrequent upon the stage. Strangely enough, in a drama that touches on the teeming straits of the Wyoming territory, there is little of the swash-buckling element in the play. While there is a bad man and a sheriff, and several cow punchers, one misses the rip-roaring terrifying clash of personalities that is expected in a western play. In fact there is no hint of coarse ruffianism so often to be found in plays of this description, and while the emotions are stirred by many moving climaxes, these are safely side-tracked in an artistic manner by the dramatist until they satisfy the sense without shocking the nerves.

SLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

December, 1910.

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Radley's time by laps over the 11-mile course was as follows: First, 1:50 4-5; second, 1:50 4-5; third, 1:50 3-5; fourth, 1:51; fifth, 1:50. Ely's best lap was 1:58 2-5. In all the other laps he was uniformly 10 seconds slower than the winner. Parmalee's best lap was 2:06 2-5.

The steadiness of the machines in a ten-mile race was a surprise to both observers and aviators alike. It was extremely gusty when the starting gun was fired, and treacherous air currents blew over the top of the hill, but in spite of that there was hardly a second's variation in the elapsed time of any of Radley's rounds, and not more than a second in any of Ely's.

Ely was the first to get away, and Parmalee came next, more than 30 seconds behind. Not wishing to get into too close proximity with his competitors in a treacherous breeze, Radley waited a full minute before he gave the word to his mechanics to let go. He lost no time in turning the windward reach of the course, but again he was able to catch the "baby" Wright before the completion of the third lap. Ely managed to cross the line first, but the minute allowance gave Radley the race and the right to add to his present title of world speed champion that of premier aerial jockey.

For the first time during the present meet, passengers were carried by the aviators. Brookins took up Roy Knabenshue, the Wright manager, for a fifteen-minute flight, and Herbert Latham, the French flyer, ascended with one of his mechanics in his Antoinette.

There was only one accident yesterday. Lincoln Beachey, the newest recruit to the Curtiss staff, had his machine smashed beyond repair, and Beachey himself narrowly escaped injury by falling upon a cushion formed by the soft dirt in a recently ploughed field.

BIRCHED AT COURT.

Three school boys—Samuel Smith, aged thirteen, James Hook, aged ten, and William Hinton, aged ten—were charged at Ponce police court with being concerned together in breaking into a shop and stealing articles of the value of \$1.

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Pelota I had never heard of before. It is a ball game, having some features of tennis and of lacrosse, but swifter by far than either. It is wholly professional and demands uncommon agility of body and sureness of aim.

A half-dozen of us watched the game one afternoon. It was played in a very large hall. The players used one half of the hall, playing from end to end. The other half was occupied by the crowd in seated galleries, a wide space between the players and the audience the whole length of the hall being devoted to the dozen or more "Red Caps" who received and recorded the bets on the game.

At the hour two pairs of players, one in blue, the other in white, took their places on the cement floor—one pair in front, the other to the rear. Each player wore on his right hand a leather gauntlet strapped to his forearm. Attached to the end of the gauntlet was a cestus, a sort of attenuated boxing-glove about 18 inches long and 4 inches wide, stiff, curved forward and hollowed out in front. The ball was caught and served with this cestus.

The pelota, or small rubber ball, was first proved. Then the player who served threw the ball with his cestus swiftly against the wall at the front end of the hall. It rebounded, and was caught by the opposite player at the rear with his cestus, and shot by him with lightning swiftness at the front end wall, from which it rebounded high against the rear end, a distance of over 200 feet. The play back and forth is kept up with amazing rapidity until a foul or a miss, or a score is made. Both end wall and the floor are brought into requisition, and the strictest rules are observed as to serving and returning. Two games were played, the first score being 20, the second 35.

The players that day were favorites, and the betting was fast and furious. As the points were scored up the shouting of odds by the "Red Caps" from the betting space in front was almost deafening. When one side scored high the betting slackened. I observed that by some mysterious chance the other side then pulled up almost even. Then the betting revived. Perhaps as the "house" held the stakes and got ten per cent, of all bets, the mystery of the match was explainable. The fact is, the gambling was not on which side should win, but on how it would be "fixed." At a stand below the gallery book-making went on, where two pesos and upwards could be bet on any combination of players.

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January, 1911, after which date the execu-
tors will proceed to distribute the assets
of the deceased among the persons en-
titled thereto, having regard only to the
claims of which they shall then have
notice.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of
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Solicitors for the Executors of the Estate
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acre of land at Esquimalt. \$700
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TELEPHONE 1425

MUNICIPAL OWNED TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Subject Discussed by Kamloops
Aldermen and Left Over
for New Council

Kamloops, Dec. 28.—At the last meet-
ing of the city council a communica-
tion was read from A. W. Ross, secre-
tary of the Mainland Fire Underwrit-
ers' Association, asking that the tax of
\$25 imposed on fire insurance compa-
nies be abolished. It served no good pur-
pose, and the amount collected was in-
significant; on the other hand, it was a
restraint on business and the compa-
nies had to increase their rates ac-
cordingly. He would shortly be mak-
ing a thorough revision of the fire in-
surance rates in Kamloops. On motion
of Ald. Baynton the letter was laid on
the table for one week.
A by-law providing for the raising
of \$15,000 for the new hospital was read
a third time. It was decided to take
the vote on same on the 12th of January.
The date of the municipal elections.
The final reading will be given imme-
diately after the result of the vote is
declared.

Ald. Bulman said that the council
should take up the matter of the city
owning its own telephone system. The
present system is most unsatisfactory.
He was inclined to think that it was
the fault of the old telephone which
were in use. The council should take
it up with the board of trade. The
clerk said the present company had
two years' lease to run.
Ald. Vasey said that the city should
certainly own its own telephone sys-
tem. Ald. Norris and Ald. Hargraves
also expressed themselves as being in
favor of municipal ownership, and re-
marked on the unsatisfactory service
at present being given.
On motion of Ald. Hargraves it was
decided to recommend the new council
to take up the matter.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Report—Case of Mr. B. Grimes, Clear
Lake, Wis.—a well developed case, albu-
men nearly twenty-five per cent—loss in
weight—incapacitated, could hardly get
around. Treatment changed and put on
Renal Comp. Feb. 12, 1909—between six
and seven weeks before improvement was
noted. Case began to respond about the
seventh week—improvement thereafter
steady. On Aug. 15, 1909, Dr. Goodwin re-
ported the last trace of albumen had dis-
appeared. September 15, '09, still no albu-
men and patient feeling as well that the
above report was sent in voluntarily.
The agent employed in the above case
was Fulton's Renal Compound. Where it
is administered before the heart has
broken down and there is still recupera-
tive power, Chronic Bright's Disease, even
in its most stubborn and supposed incur-
able forms, promptly yields, and physici-
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with physicians who have obstinate cases.

FALLS INTO CELLAR.

Fernie, Dec. 28.—Fire in West Fernie
the other morning caused a loss of
\$1,000. The fire started in the large
frame building owned by John Odoboni-
chik, near the Elk Lumber Company's
mill, and as the building was not occu-
pied it is difficult to say what caused
it. During the fire the fire chief
McDougal had the misfortune to in-
jure his leg by falling some distance
into the cellar, the stairs having been
burned away.

CRANBROOK CIVIC CONTEST.

Cranbrook, Dec. 28.—At a repre-
sentative meeting of business men the
following slate for the municipal elec-
tions, was agreed upon: For mayor, P.
DeVere Hunt; for aldermen, J. R. Mc-
Nabb, Simon Taylor, G. W. Patmore,
Frank Dezail, A. A. MacKinnon,
Frank McKenna.

The other ticket, known as the citi-
zens' ticket, is as follows: For mayor,
James Finlay; for aldermen, J. R. Mc-
Nabb, Simon Taylor, G. W. Patmore,
Frank Dezail, A. A. MacKinnon,
Frank McKenna.
The platform of the citizens' ticket
is declared to be as follows:
1. A more economical system of hand-
ling the ratepayers' money.
2. A special effort to reduce the tax-
ation to the lowest possible rate com-
patible with good government, and the
best management of the affairs of the
city, also to tax every property holder
on an equitable basis.
3. The interests of the citizens will
be carefully considered regarding the
municipal control of public utilities as
might yield a revenue to the city, such
as electric light, telephone, etc., prom-
ise to the ratepayer every opportunity
to publicly discuss and understand
such matters thoroughly.
4. The extension of the municipality
to include Slaterville and outlying dis-
tricts that may desire admission.

MINING CLAIMS BONDED.

Neelson, Dec. 28.—A thirty-day option
for \$50,000 for their half interest in the
Alpha group of mineral claims adjoin-
ing the Standard silver-lead mine at
Silverton, has been given by N. F. Mc-
Naught of Silverton, and Jas. Mc-
Naught of New York to D. B. Wilcox
of Port Arthur, Ont. The owners of
the remaining interest in the property
are Alex. Mackenzie of St. Paul, the
Yukon mining magnate, and Senator
Hansbrough of North Dakota.
It is seventeen years since the prop-
erty was worked. Originally the Al-
pha and Standard groups were one,
and Mr. McNaught of Silverton took
a bond on the entire group, but in the
end purchased the Alpha and Anac-
ortus claims for \$70,000, developing
the wide lead on the property. From
the surface 1,200 tons of ore was ship-
ped which returned \$54,000.
Word comes from Silverton that the
long cross-cut tunnel of the Standard,
which has been pushed steadily for
several months, struck ore in Saturday.
This crosscut is about 1,500 feet long
and constitutes the sixth level.

INDIAN CHIEF DEAD.

New Westminster, Dec. 28.—Chief
Johnnie of Coquitlam, passed away on
Christmas morning. The chief was in
the city and stopped at the Westside
boarding house Saturday night. On
Christmas morning when his wife
awoke she found her husband dead in
bed. Heart failure was probably the
cause.
Chief Johnnie was chief of the Co-
quitlam tribe, of which there are now
not a great many in the Fraser valley,
but whose tribe was at one time nu-
merous and powerful. He was about
fifty years old.

NEW STATION.

New Westminster, Dec. 28.—In answer
to representations from the Burnaby
board of trade, Allan Purvis, manager
of the Interurban lines of the British
Columbia Electric Railway Company,
has informed the president of the
board, B. G. Walker, that the company
would elect, in the near future, a fine
station at Edmonds, which is situated
just on the city limits in Burnaby.
The station will be after the style of the
one at Chilliwack, with inside waiting
rooms, electric heaters, etc. The con-
venience will be appreciated by the re-
sidents of Edmonds.

There are more than 500 producing gas-
power plants, ranging in size from fifteen
to six thousand horse power, in use in the
United States, most of them using anthra-
cite coal.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES AT CHILLIWACK

City Council Decides to In-
crease the Cost From
\$400 to \$800

Chilliwack, Dec. 28.—The troubles of
the hotel men in this city did not end
with the defeat of the local option
movement, for at a special meeting of
the city council the cost of a liquor li-
cense was increased from \$400 to \$800
per annum. This increase will not be a
surprise to the hotel men as it has
been expected for some time. The ques-
tion of increasing the number of li-
censes in the city will be left for the
new council to decide. A city by-law,
now in force, limits the number of li-
censes to two until such time as the
population of the city passes 2,000; but
there has been considerable agitation
for an amendment providing for the

granting of at least one additional li-
cense at once. The Municipal Clause
Act allows two licensed bars for the
first 500 of population and one for each
additional 1,000.

The vacation of the provincial court
house by the various municipal offi-
cers as demanded by the attorney-
general to allow the magistrate the
use of the court room while the
county court is not in session. A re-
quest will also be made for the use of
the court house for the coming city
nominations and elections.
A lengthy electric lighting and wir-
ing by-law was introduced at a recent
meeting of the council, providing for
a stringent inspection of all electric in-
stallations. A street numbering sys-
tem was proposed, but this will be left
for the new council to deal with. The
finance committee's report, amounting
to \$5,575.54, was adopted.

HEDLEY HOSPITAL.

Hedley, Dec. 28.—The improvement
to the hospital are nearing completion,
and will now require only a few days
more. When fully completed they will
allow for the admission of a few more
patients and afford better accommoda-
tion for the hospital staff. The furnish-
ing of the new apartments will now be
a matter for the consideration of the
board.

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in winter when you have a Perfection
Oil Heater. It is a portable
radiator which can be moved to
any part of a room, or to any room
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bone.

The Perfection Oil Heater quickly
gives heat, and with one filling of the
font burns steadily for nine hours, without smoke or smell. An
indicator always shows the amount of oil in the font. The filler-
cap, put in like a cork in a bottle, is attached by a chain. This
heater has a cool handle and a damper top.

The Perfection Oil Heater has an automatic-locking
flame spreader, which prevents the wick from being turned
high enough to smoke, and is easy to remove and drop back, so
the wick can be quickly cleaned. The burner body or gallery
cannot become wedged and can be unscrewed in an instant for
rewicking. The Perfection Oil Heater is finished in japan or
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persons—possibly one of them may
be well known to you—and then
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cut out this advertisement, write
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mail it to us with a 1c stamp (to pay
return postage) we will send you a
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abscesses, poisoned sores, chapped hands, cold
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balded chafed or chapped places, and all skin
injuries and diseases. It also cures piles. All
druggists and stores for 50c, or post free from Zam-
Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

What Followed a Scratch.

Mrs. Brown 7 Calumet Ave., Montreal,
says: "While busy in the kitchen one
day the oven door fell off, striking my
right leg and inflicting a nasty scratch.
While this was painful, I never thought
it would become a serious wound, but to
my surprise it became very much inflamed
and very painful. I found that the
dye from my stocking had got into it
and poisoned it. The pain and inflammation
got worse and the wound dis-
charged freely. At this stage someone
advised me to try Zam-Buk and I
obtained a supply. This balm seemed
to draw out the soreness at once,
reduced the inflammation and soothed
the wound. I naturally persevered
with Zam-Buk and within a few weeks
the wound was quite healed."

Eczema Banished.

To be covered with sores which some-
times itch and burn and then, when
rubbed, cause acute agony—sores which
look repulsive as well as cause pain—
sores which have defied all remedies
that have been applied to them—what
could be worse? Yes this is the lot of
scores of people to-day who suffer from
that terrible disease, Eczema. To all
such sufferers we will send trial box of
Zam-Buk free! Write us, sending 1c
stamp to pay return postage.
Mr. Wm. Dangerfield, 9's Lipton St.,
Winnipeg, says: "Last winter I suffered
from Eczema. After trying
lotions, salves and powders given me by
the doctor, which failed to do me any
good, I tried Zam-Buk. This proved
quite a cure and cured me."

Use as a Household Balm.

Mrs. W. Blair, 91 St. Catharine St.,
Hamilton, speaks of the value of Zam-
Buk as a household balm. She says:—
"I one day slipped and fell against a
Morris rocker, knocking my knee very
badly. The knee turned black and
blue and was very painful. I rubbed
Zam-Buk well into the injured member
and it was indeed surprising how quickly
I found relief. The swelling was soon
reduced and pain and discoloration ban-
ished. By perseverance with Zam-Buk
my injured knee was well again in a
couple of days.
"I have since proved it to be the
handiest and best balm for household
purposes. A few applications of Zam-
Buk gave me ease from rheumatism
also."

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THE YEAR VALUES

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Shrimp's Table Jellies, 4 packets	25c
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Lemon Cing Sliced Peaches, 3 tins	25c

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POSTPONES FLIGHT.

Robert Lorraine Descends After Making Trial With Airship.

London, Dec. 29.—Failure again marked the attempt to-day to fly across the English Channel by Robert Lorraine, actor and aviator. Lorraine took the air in a trial flight before venturing out over the sea. He found that his airship was not in a fit condition to make the hazardous flight and descended.

Lorraine announced yesterday that he would fly across the Channel, but in a preliminary night he encountered engine trouble and descended for repairs.

PROSPEROUS YEAR PREDICTED.

New York, Dec. 29.—Unusual prosperity is predicted for 1911 by Orson Howard Cheney, state superintendent of banks. Cheney bases his prediction on the general financial conditions at present prevailing throughout New York state. Cheney is preparing his annual report on the state banks.

It will show, he says, that the banks are paying well, with the prospect that this state of affairs will continue. Where bank business is good, other lines will prosper, says the superintendent.

A. F. DOHERTY DEAD.

London, Dec. 29.—R. Frank Doherty, famous tennis player, died here to-day. With his brother, H. L. Doherty, he was world's doubles champion.

FOUND DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Amedee Eremont, brother of Arthur Eremont, M. P. for Berthier, was found dead.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, December, 1910.											
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A JOHNSON STREET PROTEST.

To the Editor:—The property owners on Johnson street are indignant at the high-handed and obstructive methods of Alderman Mable, who, it is alleged, succeeded in getting their petition, whereby they asked for a good majority, tabled by expressing his preference for grant. As Ald. Mable signed the petition himself in its present form, it is inconsistent, they declare, on his part, as a progressive alderman of modern Victoria to impose in any way this much and long needed improvement, as Johnson street has been for years in the back towns of the Chinese Empire. Why should he so ignore the wishes of so large a majority of the property owners whose signatures are attached? Does he presume, they are indignantly inquiring, to dictate to the whole street? And they hint seriously at united action with a view to "legal proceedings."

JOHNSON STREET OWNER.

VANCOUVER STREET PAVEMENT.

To the Editor:—May I trespass once more on your space, as publicity seems to be the only method of accomplishing anything with our civic departments?

In respect of the asphaltting of lower Vancouver street and Oliphant avenue, at present we are charged with two-thirds the cost of an alleged macadam street at \$1.25 per square yard. The Worswick Paving Co. have offered to re-surface these streets with asphalt concrete for a square yard. The ratepayers are satisfied to pay 4 per cent. of a \$2 assessment, which means practically that we would pay the extra dollar for the Worswick pavement.

The special committee, the streets committee and the council all agree that the offer of the ratepayers is more than fair, but the city solicitor doubts if it is legal under the by-law. Now none of us want to do anything illegal or have the city do anything against the law, but I am sure that were the question put to the city solicitor, "How can we arrange to make this businesslike proposition legal?" he could surely find a way.

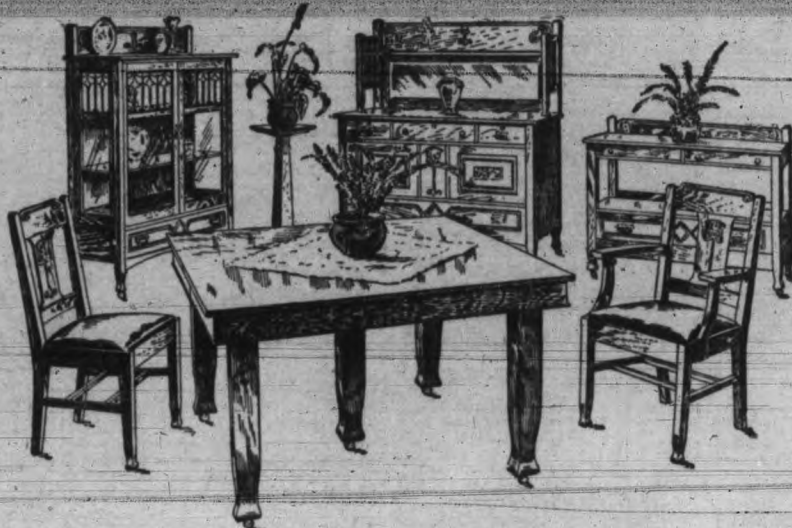
W. D. MCGREGOR.

Victoria, Dec. 23.

SQUANDERING THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

To the Editor:—I trust you will grant me the space of a few lines in your valuable columns that I may express my opinion in regard to the land policy as seen by me, an actual settler, in the North. I understand Mr. McRae is in favor of Asiatic labor, stating for one of his reasons that the railroad construction work in the western states is at a standstill, and therefore white laborers would likely flock to the Grand Trunk Pacific, when, after the completion of this road, they would take up land and make ideal settlers. I wonder if Mr. McRaid made this statement ignorant of the true conditions existing here. In the valley "white" labor is practically all gone, with the exception of that small fraction pre-empted, is tied up, held by purchasers who bought from the government, and held at a higher figure than its intrinsic value. And I think I can say what is true: one valley is true of them all in Northern British Columbia, they being governed by the same system and the conditions being alike in them all. To prove this assertion I only need purchase who holds lands direct from the government (and, in my opinion, very little has changed hands) in any valley along the Grand Trunk Pacific, within five miles on either side of this road, to sell me their title at a twenty-five per cent. profit per annum on all lands purchased previous to three years ago, and a fifty per cent. profit per annum on all lands purchased since then, and land to be suitable for agricultural purposes, and very little can I reject as being unworthy. I am not a real estate agent, but a settler, and therefore leave it to the public to judge as to whether this is in general to judge as to whether this is a reasonable profit or not. I shall expect up to six months' time to buy, as a pre-emptor is not generally prepared to purchase much land at short notice. Could we expect the railroad construction men to purchase from a second party who look for a higher profit on their investment than this? Speaking from experience, I should say that would be poor encouragement to offer the first influx of settlers in a new country. There also is not much encouragement to pre-empt from the government. It is rather uncertain, as the pre-emptor is often kept in suspense as to whether he shall receive a title or not. There have been too many cases, in fact, where the pre-emptor, after having been on any time up to two years and over, and having done improvements accordingly, has received notice to send in his record for cancellation. The reasons generally being that he has encroached on a purchase, though in some instances, as the country is a bush country and more or less timbered, he would be covered partly by forest. This is brought about by unsurveyed lands. The backbone of every province in the Dominion is its farming industry, yet British Columbia slights this one by enacting land laws that bring the conditions as stated above, and which give us only a floating population as we have at present, whereby we cannot attain that great height which true British Columbians expect us to rise to in the near future. It is a wonder to me the northern press does not come out openly and state the conditions as they are, a reproach to the present government, but a paper cannot live without financial means, and their main existence is derived through the land purchase notices inserted in their columns. Yet they should come out as an advertising medium, and not as a full-fledged independent paper, as most of them profess to be, though there may be an exception. Still I would that we had a free and independent northern press, such as the one who may publish this letter, and with a general north in use, as this (held by a paper in the East):

"Pledged but to truth, to liberty and law. No favor wine us, and no fear shall awe." Such a press would be an influence for good to the development and prosperity of our great northern country. Personality, I do not blame the press. We are all naturally alike in that respect, but I do find fault with the government which gives them the privilege, through avaricious gain, to hold the destiny of a country like ours in their power. Is it not enough I may say that the federal government (then in power) gave practically all the southern portion of the province to the C. P. R., and in my opinion, the provincial government in this case have acted wiser had they given this northern country to the G. T. P., than to have disposed of it in such large areas to private individuals who will not sell nor improve their lands. The Grand Trunk Pacific would at least be interested in the settlement of the country along its line. Trusting to see better amendments of the Land Act than usual when the House next

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meets in session, and thanking you, Mr. Editor, in anticipation, I remain, as a settler,

EDWARD ANSELL GRUCHY,
Copper City, B. C., Dec. 16.

DEFENDS CAPTAIN DAVIS.

To the Editor: I have read your remarks on St. Denis disaster, and will be pleased if you will allow me to say a few words in defence of her master, Capt. Davis.

You have been misinformed in regard to the possibility of the St. Denis breaking a record for coal cargoes between Vancouver Island and Mexico, as several 7,000-ton cargoes have been safely delivered. The St. Denis' capacity was less than one-tenth of this, even when loaded to the gunwale mark, assigned by Lloyd's surveyors and approved by the board of trade and plainly marked on the ship's side.

Being a single deck steamer, she appeared very low in the water when loaded, and this has caused thoughtless people to condemn the poor skipper, who merely loaded his ship to the point that the best trained men in the world in such matters had calculated was safe. Had she not been so loaded the charterers, by whom the master was employed, might have considered that their interests were not being protected—result—another shipmaster without a ship and an accusation of timidity against him.

I passed close to the St. Denis when

she was lying off the outer wharf the night before she sailed, and she was not then overloaded.

Her peculiar construction, i.e., flush deck from the forecastle right aft to the stern, with high bulwarks forming a tank that held 150 tons of water (25 per cent. of her dead weight capacity), was undoubtedly the prime cause of her loss. Where would one of our modern 10,000-ton cargo steamers be with 2,500 tons of water on deck? Similar construction was blamed for the loss of the Condon.

Putting to sea in a gale of wind with a small steamer loaded to her capacity may have been an error of judgment, but no man has any right to say that Capt. Davis took 21 men to their death because of his inability to control his own ambitious desires.

B. L. JOHNSON,
Master S.S. Prince Rupert.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29, 1910.

FOUNDER OF BREMERTON DEAD.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—William Bremner, founder of the town of Bremerton, where the Puget Sound navy yard is now located, is dead at his home in this city after a protracted illness. Bremner was sixty years old and had lived in this vicinity for 23 years.

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